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THE FOREIGN STAGE

LONDON.

London Theatrical Season Assumes Brighter Prospect—Gawain's Gossip.

(Special Correspondence of The Mirror.)

LONDON, Sept. 10.

The lack of new productions which has ruled so long in London—that is, as far as the principal theatres are concerned—has recently been more than atoned for. In fact, what with the West End productions of divers kinds and the large crop of East End and other suburban melodramas, we poor, overworked, toll-worn theatrical scribes (but not, I hope, Pharisees) have had difficulty in keeping up with them. Still we have stuck to our task and have done our level best; although, in one instance—namely, last night—certain theatres were flooded out by a fresh, terrible downpour, and one playhouse—that in the ancient western suburb Ealing—had three feet of water in the pit, drawing all the occupants thereof to the upper circles.

Being of a Gawainian, which is as much as to say, gentle-hearted temperament, I am glad, first of all, to tell you that most of the new productions of late have been very successful, and that there has been little or nothing of that "Boo-ing," which has of late become so prevalent in our playhouses.

The first of the new, big productions, both in order and in merit, was Louis Napoleon Parker's medieval melodrama, *The Cardinal*, which the welcome Willard played so long and so successfully in your States. As the plot of *The Cardinal* has long been familiar to Mirror readers, I need only chronicle the impression which the play produced upon us London first-nighters. We found it a stirring and powerful drama, marred only by excess of talk—a fault which can be easily remedied—and which, in point of fact is already being attended to. The main motive—namely, the involubility of the Seal of Confession—among Roman Catholics, has, of course, often been exploited upon the English and French stages, notably in *The Village Priest*, adapted by Sydney Grundy for Beerbohm Tree; the veteran John Coleman's Irish drama, *Soggarth Aroon*, and Sims and Buchanan's drama, *The English Rose*, doubtless so-called because it was Irish. I do not remember, however, to have found the Seal of Confession motive more cleverly, or more powerfully treated than in *The Cardinal*. The only thing which jars in connection with this treatment is the somewhat cruel manner in which this perplexed ecclesiastical feigns madness in order to extort another confession from the real murderer. This attraction might, methinks, have been managed in another and a better way. However, this is but a comparatively slight defect. The play is, in all other respects, an artistic piece of work, written with all that literary power and polish which we expect from our Louis Napoleon Parker.

To playgoers of a somewhat strong sense of humor, *The Cardinal* may seem to be somewhat too laden with medieval details, intended as the old prospectuses were wont to say, "To combine instruction with amusement." But let that pass. Willard's acting and declamation were as incisive and as thrilling as of yore. It is a treat to get so powerful and artistic a histrion back to the British boards. The only fault to be found with the good Willard is that he seems to have acquired one or two mannerisms in gesture and in intonation since his long absence in America.

He was splendidly supported, at all events, by the men. Herbert Waring as Andrea Strozzi, Frederick Volpe as Bartolomeo Chigi, A. E. Hornwood as Giuliano de Medici, H. Cane as Peter Rainsale, and J. G. Taylor as Pietro. All did nobly, especially Waring, who has not had such good histrionic opportunities for a long time. Decima Brooke, Ada Webster, Madame Lindsey, and Mrs. Russ Whytal, all looked well and manifested much intelligence. Willard will, this afternoon, play Tom Punch for the first time for many years, as far as London is concerned. His season at the St. James' has started propitiously. For only one thing do I stop to find a little fault with him. It is that he, having during the loud calls for a speech at the fall of the curtain, indicated that he would never consent, presently consented. Nay more, in looking up at the gods, who had been thus clamoring, he shook his finger at them, and remarked: "Bad manners."

The other important contemporaneous West End production was also a play well known in your native playhouses—namely, H. V. Diamond's satirical comedy, *Imprudence*—since renamed *Billy's Little Love Affairs*. This was produced by Charles Frohman and Company at the Criterion on Wednesday night; and, despite the fact that certain of the lines and episodes concerned leave a somewhat unpleasant taste in the mental mouth, the play was enthusiastically received by an audience almost as swart as that which filled the stalls of the St. James' on Monday. "Billy," as you will remember, is a charming if somewhat silly little dandy, and very charmingly was she represented by the brilliant young dramatist's wife, Eva Moore, to wit, Allan Ayresworth was excellent as Jack Frere; so were Charles Groves, Mark Kinghorn, and Sam Sothorn, as Sir Harry Harman, Mr. Monkittick, and Jim Greaves, respectively. The last-named blithering character's wife, Mrs. Jim, who has to keep him in order by regulating his financial allowance accordingly, was most humorously and delightfully played by Florence St. John, who is popularly known among her professional friends as "Jack." Among others who scored in the cast were the handsome and debuting Charlotte Greenville as the "adventurous" Lady Duncan; Alice Beet as Lady Roop, Edith Cartwright (daughter of Charles) as Fowler, and Mrs. Calma-James (who is Eva Moore's pretty sister Jessie) as Miss Perrott. As in the case of *The Cardinal*, the staging of *Billy's Little Love Affairs* is beautiful, the ladies' dresses being really dreams.

Mrs. Lawton, wife of my esteemed friend, Frank Lawton, although still very ill, is recovering from the birth of her baby, who only survived its birth a few hours.

Happy Fanny Fields, one of the brightest "citizenesses" America has yet exported to these islands, is enjoying another London engagement at the new Shepherd's Bush Empire. Norman J. Norman, who has been ill of late, is, I am glad to say, improving. He will presently go away for a little rest. The In Dahomey show at the Shaftesbury will, however, continue to go strong, to judge from the present state of business there. N. J. N.'s charming and clever bride, Mark George, returns to Drury Lane for the next pantomime season.

And now for a few remarks on the three new melodramas which recently bobbed up in the suburbs. The first was *The City of Pleasure*, adapted by George R. Sims from Tarbe and Decourcelle's French play, *Glolette*, and produced at the Grand, Islington. This adaptation proved to be a powerful work cleverly put into English. All it needs is a little cutting, and I fancy it would be all the better if the scene were transferred to England. Although the exciting story revolves around sundry coquettes and their companions, Sims has not a word of offense in the whole piece. Many of the episodes, especially those showing how a Parisian young grisette, with plenty of pasta, sacrifices herself continually in order to shield a young girl protegee from temptation and contamination, are very pathetic. Helen Hancock played this bad-characterized but good-hearted grisette, and although she was stagey over and anon, yet she was effective for the most part.

Melodrama No. 2 was a strong but as yet inchoate play written by Arthur Shirley and Ben Laudeck and entitled *A Great Sensation*. This was produced by that veteran but still vigorous and vivacious producer, Manager Isaac Cohen, at the Pavilion, a Whitechapel playhouse which (thanks to Cohen's remarkable achievements in the mise-en-scene) has long been known as

"the Drury Lane of the East." A Great Sensation was not too remarkable for great sensations, for, sooth to say, the authors, usually most painstaking, seemed to have hurried matters a little too much. I will, therefore, return to this play when it has undergone a very necessary revision. It may be that a Great Sensation was somewhat slurred because the good and ever patient and practical Arthur Shirley was concerned in writing another play which had to be produced on the same night as the Pavilion piece. This other piece, written by Shirley in collaboration with another of his old melodrama-constructing comrades, Sutton Vane to wit, was called *A Path of Thorns*, and was produced at the Camden Theatre in that busy and not too wealthy suburb, Camden Town. *A Path of Thorns*, although also lacking in finish, proved a powerful and historic interest, and I fancy that in those experienced touring managers, Jennie Hardie and his wife, Sara Von Leer, have secured another big money-maker.

The cackle which has been going about the city has principally concerned the future of the Savoy, which, as I told you in my last, Mrs. D'Oyley Carte, to give her former married name—has been having reconstructed and redecorated with a view to subletting. The rumors as to Mrs. Carte having resolved to leave the theatre again herself, and as to the great and glorious Gilbert likewise resolved to write again for this historic house, have again been resumed. My denial of these rumors still holds good up to the moment of mailing, for your Gawain is in the know on this as on most theatrical matters around this city.

The Savoy business has, perhaps not unnaturally, become much confused and complicated in the minds of some, owing to the fact that the late lessees of that theatre, the many-playhoused firm of Greet and Engelbach to wit, have while giving up their Savoy lease retained their hold upon the Savoy's fine troop of players. These players are now being toured by G. and E., who will, they assure me, bring these Savoyards to Christmas to the Adelphi, which closed Aug. 28, after all too brief a run of that excellent drama, *Emily*, adapted from Dickens' "David Copperfield." To still further muddle matters in the craniums of playgoers and paragonists, that extensive manager, George Edwards, who is fast becoming "Trustful" in the Frohmanian sense, has been nibbling at these Savoyard histrions and offering them tempting terms to come to him. Greet and Engelbach, however, have a long contract with these players, and are resolved that Edwards nor any other manager shall have this company, concerning which they have sundry special views—views which I may here whisper to you are not utterly unconcerned with your own noble nation. But of this special Anglo-American notion I will tell you more anon when the matter is a little ripper.

In the meantime Savoy affairs have become still more acute by the fact that there has been an appeal on behalf of the Savoy and Opera Company, Limited, to have its capital reduced. It was alleged that the limited liability company had suffered severe losses over the last two or three pieces produced at the Savoy and that the capital was far too large to pay a decent sized dividend to shareholders, even if each production had been financially successful.

To these statements in court Librettist Gilbert responded with a letter to the papers, asserting that the statements were exaggerated, and showing also that the rights of the Savoy opera, especially those by himself and the late Sir Arthur Sullivan, would a year or two hence revert to him. Mrs. Carte published a letter to the same effect, and another little epistolary quarrel is promised.

Additional flutterings recently were caused, especially in variety circles, by reason of the issuing of the suggested new variety contract drawn up by the Music Hall Railway Rates Association. The new agreement principally provides for the payment of artists for all matinees (except one per week) at the rate of a twelfth of the salary agreed upon; the proper giving of notice to the artist when the manager is about to close or sell his theatre or music hall, and a special amendment to the barring-out clause which has caused so much trouble, loss and heartburning to variety artists, whether "single turns" or "combinations."

Hitherto certain managers and syndicates or "trusts" have by means of these "barring-out" clauses prevented artists from appearing within a radius of seven and even ten miles from a hall they had booked, adding also a time limit of sometimes a year and mostly six months. The suggested new contract advises that the space limit for "barring" should be one mile and the time limit one month or six weeks for town and two months in the provinces. Per contra, the proposed contract offers managers the right to dismiss forthwith any artist who may introduce obscene gags or sultry songs, and further suggests that artists who may introduce "copyright" songs and business not belonging to them shall indemnify the manager for any loss sustained by consequent action at law. Altogether the new variety contract strikes me as being equitable as well as common-sensible, and give it in such local beats become methinks it may be found useful for American vaudeville artists and managers to consider.

The suburban productions have included a blood and thunder melodrama by W. Bailey, Jr. (son of the manager of the West London Theatre, formerly the Old Marylebone) and Charles Berte, one of the correspondents of that popular London theatrical journal, *The Stage*. The play is called *At Break of Day*, and the chief characters are a couple of villains who busily concern themselves in robbing, starving and enslaving to strange and otherwise maltreat a long-suffering heroine and her baby girl. They even steal the poor mother's sewing machine by which she, while in poverty, earns a crust or two. Anon they hurt the child out of a fifth floor window, and as life is out of love for the plucky young curate who out of love for the mother, agrees to allow a useful amount of his blood to be transfused into the poor child. By that time the two villains are arrested and very nearly lynched on their way to jail, and all ends happily for the virtuous folk concerned.

The Duke of York's, which I just now found being already pulled to pieces for sweeping redecoration, is expected to reopen about Sept. 25.

LONDON NOTES.

Lena Ashwell, with your Robert Taber as leading man, will, some time during the present season, produce two or three new plays which she has had by her for some months. No theatre has as yet been decided on. I am informed that at least one of these plays must be produced before the present year is out.

Hayden Coffin has gone holiday making, but Evie Greene has now returned.

Mr. and Mrs. Kendal began their annual tour on Monday, Sept. 7, at Llandudno, when they appeared in a new play with the old title of *After All*. This was the title of a comedy produced at the Prince of Wales', Liverpool, on Oct. 13, 1873, and an opera produced at the now defunct Opera Comique as far back as 1879; and quite lately Martin Harvey played his version of Eugene Aram under the same title. I expect that this has been overlooked by the talented couple.

Another season of German plays is to be given this time at the Royalty, where the season starts on Oct. 31. It is to be hoped that it will be as productive of good things as last year's Old Heidelberg and other really good plays were presented.

Horace Wyndham has been appointed F. S. Willard's press manager at the St. James', and a good appointment, too. Wyndham formerly looked after Mrs. Langtry and Madame Rejane's interests in a similar capacity.

The new ballet at the Empire, which is now in active rehearsal, will either be called *Vivandier* or *Wine*. Anyway it will be as pretty a spectacle as any that has been seen on the variety stage. Miss Genie plays the principal part.

Horace Goldin, the clever illusionist, has just started on a Continental tour, which will extend some time.

Claire Romalde, a daughter of the one-time popular Teddy Solomon, is to appear in *The Flood Tide*, at Drury Lane. She will play the

part that the author was anxious that Marie Lloyd should play.

Lawrence Irving is writing a play, which at present bears the curious title of *The Lower Depth*. It will be given during November, under the auspices of the Stage Society.

Cosmo Stuart is busy on an adaptation of De Cori and Lefevre's comedy in five acts, entitled *Le Dernier Flirt*. When completed, it will be produced by Stuart's wife, Marie Tempest. This will, however, not take place until the said Marie returns to London after her forthcoming American tour.

A one-act play called *Punchinello*, written in blank verse by Dr. G. H. R. Dabbe, was produced at the Avenue Theatre on June 24, 1890, with W. H. Vernon, Bassett Roe, Ben Webster, and Elizabeth Robins as its exponents; and on June 10, of the present year, a one-act musical play called *Punchinello*; or, *The Masked Marriage*, by George H. Chester and Frank Hodson, was produced at Wellington Hall, N. W.

The comic opera version of *Madame Sans Gene*, now called *The Duchess of Dantzic*, is definitely announced for production on Oct. 3, at the Lyric. Evie Green plays Sans Gene. Holbrook Blinn will be seen as Napoleon, and Courtes Pounds as Papillon. The Medal and the Maid are announced. JOHN PARKER.

AUSTRALIA.

American Companies in Australia Doing Good Business—General Gossip.

(Special Correspondence of The Mirror.)

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Aug. 11.

Saturday, Aug. 1, found a £700 house at J. C. Williamson's new playhouse, Her Majesty's, and the actor-manager is distributing the gross proceeds among Sydney charities. The highest price paid at the auction of the seats for this special first night was £12 each, at which price Colonel Smith, a reputed millionaire from your side, took the four best seats in the 11. C. The audience was a most representative one, and the boxes were occupied by the Governor-General and State Governor and their suites. J. C. Williamson himself appeared in *Kerry and Cousin Joe*, and received an ovation. On Saturday he appeared in his old character as Rip Van Winkle. On Saturday next *Lady Molly*.

The Neil-Fawley Company are doing well under Williamson's management at the Palace. Madame Sans Gene gave us an opportunity of better testing Miss Van Buren's power, and her performance has evoked nothing but praise. Daniel Fawley's Napoleon is played on lines somewhat different from those of the last exponent of the part seen here—Robert Brough—and he has scored a distinct success. Others in this clever company due for special mention are Harrington Reynolds and Eva Denison.

On Saturday R. B. Valentine's adaptation, *In Paradise* was well received. The remainder of the Sydney season (five weeks) there will be weekly changes of bill. A New Zealand tour then follows. Daniel Fawley is due to open in South Africa in April next.

George Musgrove's production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is the finest Shakespearean production ever put on in Australia. This sounds almost like a managerial puff, but it is nevertheless the unanimous verdict of press and public. Norah Kerin is a charming Titania, and when next writing I may have something more to say about the balance of the company.

William Anderson still holds the boards at the Lyceum, where sensational melodrama reigns supreme. *Greed of Gold* was put up on Saturday.

Charles Holloway, at the Criterion, has withdrawn because I Love You in favor of *Shadows of a Great City*.

The last nights of Rudinoff at the Tivoli are announced. America is well represented at this hall by W. C. Fields and Frances Leslie.

Reports from Melbourne as to matters theatrical are decidedly good, all shows being well patronized.

The Serenade has been withdrawn from the Princess', and on Saturday Musgrove's Opera company appeared in *The Daughter of the Regiment*.

At Melbourne Her Majesty's Williamson's Musical Comedy company are producing *The Runaway Girl*, *San Toy*, and *The Messenger Boy*. Olive Lenton has taken Rose Musgrove's part in the last mentioned.

At Richard's Melbourne Opera House a good bill includes Marzella and her trained birds, Crawley and Bishop, comedian and serio-comic, and Hallen and Fuller. Rudinoff will appear at this hall after his Sydney season.

Cynthia Brooke, who has been appearing as Hermia in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, has returned to London.

Rose Hamilton has concluded her engagement with J. C. Williamson, and leaves for England this week.

Djinn Djinn, originally produced throughout Australia by J. C. Williamson, is being played by Pollard's Opera company in South Africa. Its first week's takings in Johannesburg amounted to £1,750.

In *My Lady Molly*, at Her Majesty's, on Saturday night next the following old favorites will appear: Florence Young, Marietta Nash, Celia Ghiloni, George Lauri, P. Bathurst and Reginald Roberts. Leon Caron will wield the director's baton.

The Fitzmaurice-Gill company has returned here after a most successful tour through New Zealand. They start on a tour through the big N. S. W. towns at the end of this week.

Marjorie Williamson, J. C. Williamson's eldest daughter, aged six, made a very successful professional debut on Saturday as *Meenie* in *Rip Van Winkle*.

Beerbohm Tree's stage-manager, Mr. Meynell, is due in Sydney this week to discuss the final details of the production of *The Resurrection* with J. C. Williamson. As I have already mentioned, the English company, with Julius Knight and Maud Jeffries at its head is due to open in Melbourne on September 12.

The news of Janet Waldorf's death came as a shock to us. During her brief sojourn here she proved a great favorite.

Ada Crossley, the Australian contralto, is due back in Sydney toward the middle of September. She is coming out via New York and Frisco, and will spend a week with you en route.

I have to record with regret the death last week in Melbourne of Signora Majorani, an Italian actress, who during the past twenty-eight years has made Australia her home. She and Signor Majorani originally visited Australia in 1875 as members of Ristori's (the Marchesa del Grillo) Italian company, the Signora being a niece of the great Ristori. On separating from this company they devoted themselves to a study of the English language, and appeared here with great success in *The Old Corporal*, *Jealousy*, *Marie Antoinette*, and numerous other plays. Signor Majorani predeceased his wife and the name is now represented in the profession by their two sons, George and Mario, both of whom have done good work.

Those of your vaudeville and variety artist readers who have appeared at Richard's Sydney Tivoli will regret to hear of the death of "Tivoli Mick," the six-foot-odd janitor.

E. NEWTON DALY.

SYDNEY, Aug. 17.

Mr. Williamson has distributed the whole of the takings of the opening night at Her Majesty's, £723 10s., among the Sydney charities, those connected with the theatrical profession receiving £123 10s.

In Melbourne, San Toy, by Williamson's Musical Comedy company, at Her Majesty's, will be followed by *Cuyler Hastings* and the *Sherlock Holmes* Dramatic company in *If I Were King*. Mr. Hastings' New Zealand tour was an unbroken success, and he has become a great favorite with the Melbourne audience.

At the Melbourne Princess', Musgrove's Comic Opera company has been followed by Nellie Stewart in *Indolence*. After a fortnight she will start for a farewell season in the other States.

Blond Holt is doing well—he was never known to do otherwise, with *Going the Pace*, at the Melbourne Royal, which is crowded nightly.

After the Nellie Stewart season at the Mel-

bourne Princess', Williamson's *Are You a Mason* company will occupy the boards.

In Adelaide the Dan Barry company have opened for a few nights at the Royal.

After a few nights in Western Australia Nellie Stewart will leave Australia for England, returning a few months later by way of America.

In New Zealand John F. Sheridan is having a successful time of it, and has arranged to remain in the colony until the beginning of next year. The company travels with about 160 tons of scenery, etc., an easy thing in America but the reverse in Maoriland. JOHN PLUMMER.

THE HAGUE.

Dramatic and Operatic News from Holland and the Continent—Business Booming.

(Special Correspondence of The Mirror.)

THE HAGUE, Sept. 1.

A new musical comedy was produced at the Tivoli Theatre, Rotterdam, entitled *Toontje-Soldaat*. Mr. de Vriend, from Antwerp, has been engaged by Manager Broeders to play juveniles in the Tivoli stock company.

Amsterdam's Nederlandsche-tooneel opened with a new play, *Los van den Man*.

The Berliner Theatre at Berlin has accepted Butti's play, *Lucifer*, translated into German by Hartleben. Gabrielle d'Annunzio is writing an historical drama, *La dannazione del Bentivogli*.

Otto Fiebach, who is the composer of two new operas, *Bel frommen Hirtin* and *Officer to the Queen*, has composed music to the well-known comedy, *Robert and Bertram*, which will be produced at the City Theatre at Dantzic (Germany).

In the beginning of October the Leasing Theatre at Berlin will produce for the first time Sudermann's drama, *Sokrates der Sturmgessell*.

Jean Alcard's play, *La Légende du Cœur*, which was produced for the first time in Orange (S. Africa) with Sarah Bernhardt, met with great success there. Sarah Bernhardt created the lover, Madame Dufrenoy the wife, and Mr. de Max the husband.

Melanie Michaelis, from Wiesbaden, obtained the first prize for violin at Joachim's Academy of Music.

Mains will have a four days' music festival next season under Weingartner. The Kaim Orchestra has already been engaged.

The Paris Opera will produce in November *l'Indy's Etranger*.

The Volkovyt Opera, at Amsterdam, will have C. van Dolk as second conductor and solo repertiteur; J. A. Stoetz, solo and chorus repertiteur; C. J. Olman, chorus master; an orchestra of fifty-two members, and a chorus of forty. The first performance will take place on Sept. 16.

Waldemar von Baumbach has been engaged by Herr Steinbach as professor of music at the Conservatory of Music in Cologne.

Adolf d'Adam is composing the music for *Le Calif de Bagdad*. Richard Strauss' newest composition will be called *Hausliche Symphonie*.

Coquelin, cadet, officer of the order of Légion d'Honneur, has been selected as secretary to the Société de secours annuels des artistes dramatiques.

The Amsterdam Lyric-tooneel will produce at the Grand Theatre this season a new comedy in three acts, *A Kingdom for a Child*, by Paul Gault and Robert Charvay, translated into Dutch by Herman Schwab and Louis Christy, Jr.; also a one-act play, *Zielestormen*, by G. E. Nani, translated by L. van Olfen.

The Stadttheater at Strassburg closed their last season with a loss of 250,000 marks.

Munich has produced the new opera, *Die Neugierigen Frauen*, by Goldoni, music by E. Wolf Ferrari. A new play entitled *Marincha*, by Perez Galdos, which ridicules the nobility, has been received favorably in Barcelona, Spain.

The Theatre Frascati at Amsterdam produced the French play, *The Japanese Vase*, by Paul Rihoud and Maurice Hennequin, translated by Rosier Faassen, and with Julia Ude in the leading roles.

The operettas which are given in the theatre of the Kurhaus, Scheveningen, are under the direction of Mouru de Lacotte, manager of the Alcazar at Brussels and the Opera House at Ostend (Belgium). L'Opéleur, by Zeller, was produced first, followed by *Miss Heiggett*.

During the festivals at Orange (S. Africa), Glück's *Orphée* was produced with Gertrude Réache in the title-role and the orchestra under Mr. Büsser. It is stated that the Opera House at Orange surpasses far in greatness, splendor and capacity the one in Bayreuth.

Sullivan's monument, which stands opposite the Savoy Theatre in London, was unveiled by Princess Louise, Princess of Wales, the following lines out of one of Gilbert's operas are written:

"Is life a boon?"

"If so it must befall

That death, when'er he call,

Must call too soon."

Judith, a drama by Jeanne Reyneke van Struve, will be produced this season at the Royal Theatre, Rotterdam.

Herr Johann Elmlid has been engaged as stage director for the Nederlandsche Opera. Herr Elmlid has been connected with the Metropolitan Opera House in New York. He sang in the *Götterdämmerung* in Amsterdam for the Wagner Society, and has been for years connected with the Wagner productions in Bayreuth.

The Nederlandsche-tooneel is rehearsing *Vondel's Yephtha* with La Roche, Mesdames Mann and Holtrop in the principal roles. They will also produce *Cyriel Buysse's* new play, *Het gesin van Paemel*.

Karl Hauptmann has written a new play entitled *Des Königs Harle*.

Camille Saint-Saëns has been presented by the Khedive of Egypt with the order of Medjidje (grand order).

The Scala in Milan will produce this season *Das Rheingold*, *Der Freischütz*, *Faust*, *Griseledis*, *Rigoletto*, *Franchetti's Germania*, *Giordano's Siberia*, *Berlioz's Lakmé*, *Halevy's Trovatore*, and *Bizet's Née*. Campanini follows Toscanini as manager.

The German actress, Irene Freisch, will tour England with a company of her own.

Albin Valinbreque, a well-known French writer of vaudeville, will go to London to have his comedies produced.

The Berliner Lustspiel Ensemble, from the Trianon Theatre, Berlin, visited Rotterdam, where they gave a performance of *Notbrücke* (La Passerelle), with Max Laurence in the leading role.

Miss Chrystal, the English violin pupil at the Conservatoire de Musique, at Brussels, obtained the first prize with *haute distinction*. César Thomson, the famous violinist, was her teacher.

Jan Matherte, a well-known Dutch actor, died recently at the Hague. His last engagement was with the Lyriach-tooneel, Amsterdam. He was engaged this season for the Haarlem Stock company by Manager Louis Bouwmeester.

Johannes Wolff has been selected member of the jury for the violin concours at the Paris Conservatoire of Music. Saint Saëns has composed a fantasia, *Andalousie*, for him which he will create this season in London and Paris.

G. Anthes has been engaged for a period of five years for the opera season at Pest (Hungary).

L' Auberge de Tohn-Rohn, music by Victor Roger, libretto by Ordonnaun, and which had a big success in Paris, was produced at the Kurhaus, Scheveningen.

Milenka Block's two-act ballet pantomime was produced with great success at Vichy.

Besider Markus has been engaged as principal conductor at the Hof Opera, Budapest, with a salary of 12,000 crowns for the first year.

La Courée is the title of a new three-act comedy by Brieux.

Paul Meyer, concert master at Riga, has been engaged for Thomas' orchestra in Chicago.

Henri Bétel, operatic tenor, has been engaged to take part at the festivals of the Postillon de Lonjumeau in honor of A. Adam.

The Wagner festivals in Munich ran as follows at the Regenten Theatre: Aug. 8-11, Ring des Nibelungen; 14, Lohengrin; 15, Tristan and Isolde; 17, Tannhäuser; 18, Meistersinger. Every performance began at four p.m., and twenty marks were charged for seats.

LOUIE MAURICK.

...and accessories this play exceeded any
...not been seen at this house. I

RANTOIL. NEAL OPERA HOUSE (J. D. Neal

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Harriet Hubbard Ayer gave a garden fete last week at her beautiful home at Atlantic Highlands in honor of the National Art Theatre Society. The most attractive feature of the occasion was the singing of "My Own United States" by Margaret Ayer as she stood beneath a canopy of flags.

Catherine Hooker, of the Ed. Maynard-Sarah McDonald company, on their tour this season through the Adirondacks, have been making a special feature of the prevailing craze, "In Sunny Africa" and "Has Your Mother Any More Like You?"

Vess, L. Osborne and Charles Prince furnished the music for the Seawanna Corinthian Yacht Club at Oyster Bay last Friday, and played several numbers for President Roosevelt, among them being the new story ballad, "They All Spoke Well of You."

Eugene Ellsworth's novel song, "What Is a Goin' to Become of Me?" is described as a "Dark Incident on a Dark Night." He claims this song is even better than "The Pooh Bah of Blackville Town," which scored a hit.

Frederick V. Bowers still continues to receive splendid press notices wherever he appears with the Dockstadter Minstrels. His new song, "Every Day is Sunshine When the Heart Beats True," is rapidly becoming a hit.

N. Weinstein, who conducts a retail music store in the Flatiron Building, has recently published a dainty song, entitled "Mammy's Pickaninny's Lak' a Big Sunflower." The words are good and the melody pleasing. Several prominent singers are scoring with this song.

Chas. W. Doty's new song, "All Heroes Don't Go to War," is original in its construction, and should be a big winner.

Edward M. Ross was the first singer to use the slides just finished by DeWitt C. Wheeler for Al. Trahern's ballad "They All Spoke Well of You."

"Good Morning Glory," Heelan and Helf's new serenade number, is sung by Jane Whitbeck.

Julius Water is singing the ever popular ballad "Always," by Fred Bowers, and also "Come Out in the Garden with Me," a clever comic song.

W. F. Howard is using "Let Love Decide," by the Countess Jeneppe, with great success.

Maurice Haswell is singing "Sally" and "Still I am True," both published by the Peerless Publishing Company.

Singers who have not had a copy of the Walrus Company's four new songs, "When All Goes Wrong," "Tell Me Once Again," "My Sweet Kl-Yi" and "Be Good or I'll Quit You," are missing some very good numbers. Reports received by the company from many of the best singers in the vaudeville field indicate that in these four pieces the company has struck a couple of winners surely.

Illustrations are now being made for "When All Goes Wrong" and "When the Blue Birds are in Tune" by one of the best-known slide makers in the country. The pictures will be taken from life and put forth in the most artistic manner.

Eleanor Falk, the well-known and charming vocalist, before beginning her season's regular work, is filling some special vaudeville dates. She is singing the waltz song, "Autumn Thoughts," by Melville Ellis, and "Come Down Mah Evening Star," the last song written by John Stromberg.

Wm. Chamhus is singing a song with a catchy refrain "Lucie-o-o-cie-o-o."

The Royal Comedy Four, composed of Walter Van Allen, first tenor; M. Rale, second tenor; Bert Carl, baritone, and William Brockheimer, bass, are making a specialty of Standish and Silberberg's successful ballad, "Dear Rosalie."

Joe B. McGee has just arranged a new and attractive repertoire of songs; among them are such favorites as "I Feel So Very Lonely," "Come Out in the Garden with Me," "I've Got to Go Now," "Cause I Think It's Goin' to Rain" and "Trouble."

Frank Furress and Jeanette Brooks, in their act "A Bell Boy's Troubles," are featuring two of Leo Feist's songs, "Eat, Drink and Be Merry" and "While the Band Was Playing Dixie."

Minnie Church is introducing "Sammy" in the "Game of Hearts" nightly. For an encore she scores heavily with Heelan and Helf's waltz hit, "Boys in the Gallery."

J. Aldrich Libbey received an ovation at Temple Theatre, Louisville, Ky., as he sang "My Bessie's Wedding Day," one of his favorite songs.

The Empire City Quartette, with Rush and Weber's "Hon Ton Burlesques," is singing Maude Nugent's great lullaby, "My Little Creole Babe," and also Stanley Crawford's "In the Village by the Sea."

"Uncle Sam's Invitation," a new march and two-step by W. L. Needham, has just been issued by the Pioneer Publishing Company, of Chicago. The march is gotten out in very neat style, and is a very brilliant number and should become very popular. The bands and orchestras in the principal cities of the West are playing it with much success.

"The Roosevelt March," by Miss Henrietta Welcher, has just been issued by the Zeno Manus Music Company, of San Francisco.

"Sunburst," a novelty number for the piano-forte, by John Francis Gilder, is one of the late publications by the Bell Music Company, of 34 East Fourteenth Street, New York. This number is issued in very attractive form for the piano, and is also issued for band and orchestra.

Van Murrill, of the Gamekeeper company, is using the catchy waltz song, "Oh, Joy."

Joe Griffin is singing a fine topical song, entitled "When You Have Time and Money," and the popular waltz song, "While the Moon Shines Bright."

Val Fernando is making a big hit with "You Are My All in All," a beautiful love song, by Billie Taylor.

Ada Heaves is singing the sarcastic darky ballad song, "I'm Takin' No Chances of Missin' Mah Meats."

Will Carlton is singing "A Flower of Old Japan."

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A GAME OF HEARTS (Robt. McDowell, mgr.): Gloucester, N. Y., Sept. 22, Glen Falls 24, North Adams, Mass., 25, Adams 26, Albany, N. Y., 28-30, Springfield, Mass., Oct. 1-3.
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A WISE MEMBER (Spencer, Ia., Sept. 25, Cherokee 26, Corcoranville 26, Side City 26, Rockwell City 30, Eagle Grove Oct. 1, Emmetsburg 2, Clarion 3, Barlow and Wilson's MINSTRELS (Lawrence Barlow, mgr.): Vineland, N. J., Sept. 23, Bridgeton 24, Cape May 25, 26, Millville 26, Salem 26, Mt. Hope 30.
CAHILL, MARIE (E. Wallace Dunn, mgr.): Boston, Mass., Sept. 14-26, Providence, R. I., 26-30, New London, Conn., Oct. 1, Hartford 2, New Haven 3, New York City 5-10.
DARE-DEVIL DOROTHY (P. G. Berger, Jr., and T. H. O'Neill, mgrs.): Maysville, Ky., Sept. 24, Ashland 25, Huntington, W. Va., 26, Winchester, Ky., 28, Frankfort 29, Paris 30, Middletown, O., Oct. 1, Wilmington 2, Chillicothe 3, Circleville 5, Portsmouth 6, Jackson 7, Parkersburg, W. Va., 8, CARPENTER, FRANKIE (Jesse Grady, mgr.): Tannum, Mass., Sept. 21-26, Brockton 26-Oct. 3, Malden 5-10.
DAVID GARRICK (Ed Jacobson, mgr.): New Westminster, B. C., Sept. 23, Portland, Ore., 23-25.
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JAMES LOUIS AND FREDERICK WARDE: Butte, Mont., Sept. 20-22, Missoula 23, Wallace, Ida., 24, Spokane, Wash., 25, North Yakima 26, Seattle 27-30, Victoria, B. C., Oct. 1, Vancouver 2, 3, KERN, (Marion): Danville, Pa., Sept. 23, Lewisburg Oct. 1, Shamokin 2, Berwick 3, Lock Haven 4, Tyrone 6, Lewisburg 7, Selinsgrove 8, Muncy 9, Monticore 10.
LYCEUM STOCK (E. G. Grosjean, mgr.): Ponca City, O., T., Sept. 21-26.
MANTELL, ROBERT B.: St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 21-26, Cairo, Ill., 28, Jackson, Tenn., 29, Nashville 30, Oct. 1, Chattanooga 2, Birmingham, Ala., 3, ALBION HAYES (A. Garfield, mgr.): Erie, Pa., Sept. 23, Lockport 25, 26, Niles, Mich., 29, Union City 30, Oct. 1, La Grange, Ind., 2, 3.
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SULLY, DANIEL: Nashua, N. H., Sept. 22, Manchester 23, Portsmouth 24, Bangor, Me., 25, 26, Portland 28, Rockland 29, Lewiston 30, Waterville Oct. 1.
THE GOOD OLD SUMMER TIME: Youngstown, O., Sept. 28-Oct. 4.
THE HOOSIER GIRL: Colon, Mich., Sept. 22, Three Rivers 23, Mishawaka, Ind., 24, Bronson, Mich., 25, Goshen, Ind., 26, Waterville 26, Albion 30, Nanticoke Oct. 1, Warsaw 2, Kokomo 3, Marion 3, Decatur 6, Hartford 7, Elwood 8.
THE OCTOBERONS (Robt. J. Henderson, mgr.): St. Johnsville, N. Y., Sept. 22, Johnstown 23, Waterville 24, Hamilton 25, Norwich 26, Bonville 28, Lowell 30, Gouverneur 30, Camden, N. J., Oct. 1, Oswego, N. Y., 2, Baldwinsville 3, Woodcut 5, Palmyra 6, THE SLEEPY KING (Dick Ferris, pron.): Albion, N.Y., Sept. 20-23, 26, Paul 24-26, Milwaukee, Wis., 27-29, Indianapolis, Ind., 30, Louisville, Ky., Oct. 1-3, Lexington 5, Paducah 6.
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WHEN WE WERE TWENTY-ONE: Oneida, N. Y., Sept. 22, Canastota 23, Fulton 24, Oswego 26, Cornwall, Can., 28, St. Albans, Vt., 29, Montpelier 30.
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ILLINOIS.—Centralia—Pittenger Grand, Oct. 1-10, 16-24, Dec. 14-21, Feb. 1-6, March 1-10, 23-30, April 18-25.
INDIAN T.—Krebs—Opera House Oct. 15-30, November and December.
KANSAS.—Galena—Sapp's Opera House, October.
NEBRASKA.—Beatrice—Paddock Opera House, Oct. 16, 28, Nov. 9, 10, Dec. 1-4, 14-19.
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OBITUARY.

Joseph P. Fannin, the noted old actor and manager, died at his home in Philadelphia on Sept. 14. Mr. Fannin was born in Philadelphia seventy-four years ago, and made his first appearance at the Arch Street Theatre when he was twenty-four years old, with Edwin Connor. Subsequently he played in support of Julius Brutus Booth, John Wilkes Booth, James R. Murdock, Joseph Jefferson, Laura Keane, and many other stars. For some time he was the manager of Lothrop's Theatre, Boston, but was obliged to retire from that position three years ago on account of ill health. The Actors' Fund took charge of the remains, and the burial was made last Wednesday in Northwood Cemetery, Philadelphia.

Count Ivan Orloff, who for many years was exhibited in museums as "The Transparent Man," died in Tepitz, Bohemia, on Aug. 24. He was extraordinarily thin and his flesh was so transparent that if a light was held on one side of his body the rays penetrated sufficiently to enable one to read a newspaper held on the other side. The Leipzig University made overtures to buy the body, but the Count's manager refused the sum offered. During the latter years of his life Count Orloff managed a travelling museum in Europe and acted as a booking agent. Alexander Sutherland of South Old City, Pa., car inspector of the Walter L. Main Circus, while assisting to load the circus at Chambersburg, Pa., on Sept. 12, was thrown under a car and both legs crushed below the knees. He was taken to the City Hospital, and without recovering consciousness, he died on the following morning, Sept. 13. Mr. Sutherland was unmarried and was about thirty-five years old. The remains were sent to his home for burial.

Edwin French, the old banjoist and minstrel, died at Saranac Lake, N. Y., on Sept. 16, of a complication of diseases. Mr. French was fifty-one years old and had spent half his lifetime on the stage. He was at various times with Tony Pastor's company, Dockstader's Minstrels, and Haverly's Minstrels, and had appeared in all parts of the country. He is survived by a son, who is in business in this city.

Mrs. Alice Lorenz, recently a member of the A Chinese Honey-moon company, dropped dead from a stroke of apoplexy on the evening of Sept. 18, at Hewletts, L. I., while going from the home of her sister, Mrs. Frank Holly, to the post office. Mrs. Lorenz was formerly Alice Carr, and was the daughter of Detective Sergeant Carr, of Brooklyn.

Mildred Paul, who sang in a number of musical comedies during recent seasons, and who had been a member of various dramatic companies, died at her home in this city on Sept. 15 of typhoid fever, aged twenty years.

William H. Hasbagen, one of the Hasbagen Brothers of St. Louis, who managed Hasbagen's Park, and also owned several dancing academies, died in that city on Sept. 18, aged thirty-six years.

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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS

CHICAGO.

The Isle of Spice Favored—Bills of the Week—Colburn's Theatre Chat.

(Special to The Mirror.)

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.

There is only one change of bill at the leading downtown theatres this week, and nearly all the holdovers are drawing large audiences. The bills: Grand Opera House, A Fool and His Money, with Jameson Lee Finney, Studenker, A County Chairman (fourth week); McVicker's, Resurrection, with Blanche Walsh (second week); Powers, The Frisky Mrs. Johnson, with Amelia Bingham (second week); Great Northern, His Hopkins, with Rose Melville (second week); Illinois, A Country Girl (fifth week); Garrick, A Girl from Dixie (second week); La Salle, Isle of Spice (second week); Bush Temple, Stock in Taming of the Shrew; Thirty-first Street, Stock, with Melbourne Macdonald as leading man, in La Toca, New American, Stock in Monte Cristo, Columbus, The Price of Honor, Alhambra, At Cripple Creek, Hopkins, In Convent's Stripes, Bijou, For Mother's Sake, Acad. City, Her Marriage Vow, Criterion, The Price of Newspaper Row.

The two weeks' engagement of Henrietta Crossman at the Grand Opera House, which was to have begun this week, was canceled. Resurrection, with Blanche Walsh, in the current dramatic event in Chicago. There have been Resurrections here before but not the Waggoners and Kemper production. This the audience seems to have been waiting and long for, judging from the enormous business at McVicker's since Sept. 13, when the engagement began promptly with breaking records. L. A. Waggoners arrived with the company, and has been peculiarly happy ever since. Without doubt much of the credit to see the play is due to Blanche Walsh, though her acting in the part has been estimated by the critics with some question that her judgment is good in making such a hug of Maniova. The Dimitri of Alexander von Mitzel has received high praise, and the production, as a whole, is recognized as adequate for the great story and excellent both from a professional and popular viewpoint.

While Amelia Bingham's company in The Frisky Mrs. Johnson at Powers' last week carried off the honors for admirable acting among the visiting players, the Fitch-French frolic ad nauseam in suggestiveness called for the sharpest press censure. An actor, who attended a matinee, said to THE MIRROR correspondent: "Fine acting that, but great Scott, how many cigarettes do they have to smoke!" The house was full of women, mostly young. The skill of dramatic construction, the wit and repartee, and the excellence in the good old art of acting tended to make one forget the offensiveness of the story. Miss Bingham had to respond to several, certain-calls, and Wilton Lackaye again convinced Chicagoans he is one of the best actors living—throughout, instinctively clever. Mrs. Adelyn Wesley gave an admirably complete and sustained rendition of Mrs. Chardaley, "who sits with any old thing." Ernest Lawford's Heathcote, W. L. Abington's Morley, Charles Bertram's Chardaley, Harold Shaw's Mindau, and Bijou Fernandez's Mrs. Morley were all fine examples of the true skill of players.

Docket's Minstrelle had good audiences at the Grand, though the programme was not wholly satisfactory. There is too much loudness in it, and one wonders why such pleasing voices as Harry Ellis are given just one chance. Neil O'Brien, Gray Weller, and Carroll Johnson all around the liveliest demonstrations of popular favor an audience can give, and Lew "arrived" completely as usual. The colored heaven and tropical tableaux are fine, and are made especially effective with the rich voice of Manuel Ro-mal.

Sis Hopkins was welcomed to Chicago again at the Great Northern with large audiences last week, and Rose Melville gave her usual careful and clever performance. Several of the specialties were encored. The stage pictures are all that could be desired. Miss Melville, as one of the most talented actresses, may be expected to do something besides Sis some day.

Manager Edward Adams, of the Auditorium, has booked Jefferson De Angella in The Toreador for Oct. 5-12, Semberich in October, Melba in November, and Patti in December. Quincy Adams Sawyer two weeks last of November, grand opera (Conried) two weeks in March, the Thomas Concerts, and so on. He assures Chicagoans Parsifal will be seen in Chicago as in New York.

Manager Arthur Alston and his wife, Estha Williams, have been a bit unfortunate in Chicago with At the Old Cross Roads, but the real merit of the play, in spite of adverse incidents, asserted itself and attracted increasing audiences at the Columbus last week. It was unqualifiedly the best production yet at the Columbus. Miss Williams was enthusiastically received in the leading role, and the specialties made hits almost as big as the strong climaxes of the absorbing Southern story.

The Isle of Spice was produced at the La Salle last week, opening the season at that snug downtown theatre. The venture proved to be a musical farce, with a few suggestions of King Dodo about it, and, in general, it met with considerable favor. The book and lyrics are by Allen Lowe and George E. Stoddard, and the music by Paul Schindler and Ben M. Jerome. Mr. Lowe has general charge of the production, and Gus Soblik arranged the dances and stage effects. Mr. Schindler has been directing the orchestra. The full title is The Isle of Spice; or, His Majesty of Nicobar, and Nicobar seems to be a Japanese sort of a place, giving opportunities for picturesque scenery and costumes, which have been developed with good taste. It is pretty hard to catch the story from an orchestra chair, but it seems that some deserting sailors from an American man-of-war, The Roosevelt, somehow get into the palace of the Dodo-like King Nicobar, and are thought there to be emissaries from the moon/land. They are honored, clothed and royally fed. Meanwhile, the King has trouble with his wives and finances, but he keeps on gambling. An American naval officer in white and gold appears seeking the deserters, and falls in love with the King's ward, a pretty dark-eyed young maiden in white a la Japanese (Betina Gerard). The story is sufficient but not distinctly told or made the most of, but audiences are disposed to overlook those facts by the pleasing music. The hit of the production is "Peggy Brady," as sung by Maud Alice Kelly, though a duet, "You and I," between the naval officer (W. M. Armstrong) and the King's ward is received with almost as much favor. Dave Lewis, as the King with his little crown set askew, tries comedy without the German flavor, and fails in the first act for lack of something to do. Later he regains the favor of the audience, and his song, "Mercenary Mary Ann," makes a hit. Christine Hudson is a pretty Trinket, one of the wives, and with Kamorta and the two sailor deserters, she wins encores for the owl song. Nettie Black makes herself very agreeable to the audience in the small part of Asbena, an ex-wife. In short, all the women principals look well, act well and sing well, and the chorus is quite save in its appearance—forty girls, that seem to overload the little stage with beauty. There is not one broad line or suggestive word in The Isle of Spice, and it is fully as deserving as many a more ambitious production at the larger theaters. The cast:

Tomponka Dave Lewis
Harold Ketchall William M. Armstrong
Kollino Donnan Male
Macklinaw Charles Gliben
Kashin James C. Marlowe
Konner Joseph Alton
Lionel Toby Lyons
Zoe John McNamara
Sis Hopkins Frank C. Witter
Sis Hopkins Cale Middleton
Ash-burn Nettie Black
Trinket Christine Hudson
Kamorta Maud Alice Kelly
Teresa Bettina Gerard

Paul Dresser was in town this week enjoying the performance of a lightning change artist. The Weather Man, a musical comedy, will open Oct. 1 at the Warrenton, Oak Park. Jolly Bob is one of the owners.

The Village Fool, a musical comedy, will open Oct. 1 at the Warrenton, Oak Park. Jolly Bob is one of the owners.

G. D. Lottinwell, formerly of Henry W. Savage's corps of press experts, came on last week to manage Amelia Bingham for three weeks. He will then return to New York to join the staff of Nat Goodwin in Midsummer Night's Dream.

General Manager Hogan, of Lincoln Carter's plays, believes he has discovered a second Olga Netherland. Her stage name is Julia Gray, and she is an English girl 22 years old. After seeing her in a Chicago production Mr. Hogan engaged her for seven years, and she is now at the head of the cast of Her Only Son.

Silver and Hubert Labadie have organized their in-Louisiana company here for the season. Mrs. W. J. Boyle, who conducts a successful stock theatre at Nashville, Tenn., is in the city engaging a company for a melodrama she will put on the road.

Clay Clement and his New Dominion company left last week to open their season. Fred Lane is manager.

John Arthur the Chicago legitimate actor, will begin his season Sept. 28 with a Shakespearean play.

Melbourne Macdonald abandoned his contemplated tour in Glenside, and instead went to the Thirty-first Street Stock for two or three weeks.

Helen Rodgway is resting in town, having closed with Yon Yonson as leading woman.

Milo Bennett broke the record for filling an order for a vaudeville company last week. It came Tuesday at 4 p. m. from an Ohio city, and Wednesday evening a troupe of ten, accepted, was en route to its consigne.

Harry R. Smith came to town to investigate the book of A Girl from Dixie at the Garrick, as its opening bill in place of some playing man and Gottschalk's and Arnold Daly's good work the effort is mediocre yet.

George Ade had his father as guest last week, and Mr. Ade Sr. was so much impressed by the naturalness of A County Chairman that he said he felt like getting right up on the stage and playing a part. Mr. Ade lives in Indiana.

If Chicago has one theatrical firm that is rising more rapidly than any other, it is Rowland and Clifford, with their three or four Over Niagara Falls and two Gamekeeper companies. The expanding business of these young men now extends to England, where a Niagara Falls company is touring the provinces. "All our companies are doing a fine business," said Ed Rowland. Last season the profits of Over Niagara Falls alone were something requiring five figures. Ed and Clifford returned to Chicago this week and settled down to manage the firm's business here throughout the rest of the season. Mr. Rowland went East to join the Eastern Niagara Falls company, but he will return from time to time. The Western Niagara Falls company is en route west to the Coast from Winnipeg and will open the Stair and Havin Grand Opera House in San Francisco.

Colonel John D. Hopkins, formerly of Hopkins Theatre here, was in Chicago this week en route to New York. While in town he was the guest of Manager Murdoch, of the Masonic Temple Theatre.

OTIS L. COLBURN.

BOSTON.

The Yankee Consul—Independent Stars at the Hub—Gossip.

(Special to The Mirror.)

BOSTON, Sept. 21.

Only one conspicuous new play comes before the Boston public this week, in notable change with all the openings of a week ago. This is at the Tremont, where Henry W. Savage made another of his ten strikes and found a fit successor to The Prince of Pilsen and Peggy from Paris in The Yankee Consul, in which Raymond Hitchcock is elaborately and deservedly featured. The book of the new comic opera is by Henry M. Blossom, Jr., and the score is by Alfred G. Robyn. It was produced with the following cast:

Abilash Boose Raymond Hitchcock
Don Rafael Deschade Jacques Kruger
Herr Gebuhler Henry Brown
Captain Leopoldo Hubert Witke
Lieutenant Jack Morrell Harry Fierlich
Cecilia Frank Ranney
Sancho Frank Ranney
Donna Teresa Eva Davenport
Bonita Flora Zabelle
Papinta Estrella Carmichael

It may be stated immediately that The Yankee Consul scored a success, for book, score, company and production proved popular from the very start. Mr. Blossom has taken his inspiration from an Associated Press dispatch about a revolt in San Domingo two years ago, and with few changes has made it adaptable to the whimsicalities of comic opera. A wealthy widow, Donna Teresa, has in her charge two pretty girls, Bonita, her daughter, and Papinta, her niece. The Governor, Don Rafael, is in love with Bonita, and Leopoldo, captain of the troops but later an insurgent, with Papinta. The Governor intends to give a grand ball, but finds that funds are low and an insurrection is brewing. He begs Bonita to marry him, knowing that her money will enable him to pay off the soldiers and check the revolt. Leopoldo plans to arrest Don Rafael and clap him in jail. When Bonita learns of this, as she wishes to attend the ball, she appeals to Lieutenant Commander Morrell, who is an American blue jacket stationed near the town, and he prevents the arrest. In the second act the natives patch up a truce and the American is arrested and taken off to jail. Papinta agrees to elope with Leopoldo but is caught by the Yankee consul, who makes her promise to use her influence with Leopoldo to have Morrell released. The consul is in love with the rich widow, but he tells her that he has an insurmountable barrier. She offers to give away her fortune, and he finally agrees to take both the widow and the money. The Vice-President succeeds in overthrowing the republic, and the Governor and Secretary are bound as prisoners. In the end all the love affairs come out *comme il faut*. Chief interest in the production centres in the consul, which gives Mr. Hitchcock as good a part as King Dodo. He is a lazy, happy-go-lucky representative of the United States, of an inventing turn of mind but most of his plans go wrong. His threats of the natives are capital, and his love scenes with the rich widow are among the best things of the opera. Musically the best work is done by Mr. Witke, but the comedy of Miss Zabelle and Miss Bodt met with instant favor. The staging is the best and most elaborate that Mr. Savage has yet given a Boston production. It will run at the Tremont until he brings here his grand opera company in English.

James K. Hackett and the new Globe have had a successful week with John Ermine of the Yellowstone, and the audiences have been large and brilliant for the new theatre, which seems instantly to have taken its place in popularity with the Boston public.

Miss Petticoats is in the second and last week of its engagement at the Boston, and the dramatization of the popular novel has proved that it will have a hold upon the general public. Kathryn Osterman and her company did excellently. In the title-role she does the best work of her career as an actress.

Marie Cahill has been especially well received at the Hollis, and the audiences at Nancy Brown have been much larger than one would have expected for a new star.

The Silver Slipper has proved a winner at the Colonial, with the champagne dance eclipsing the comedies and pretty girls in popularity. Sam Bernard and Cyril Scott kept their New York successes, while Ann Tyrell, who succeeded Edna Wallace Hopper, has proved one of the surprises. She is from one of the suburbs of Boston and does credit to her birthplace.

Happy Hooligan opened to a large audience at the Grand Opera House and promises to have an enormous week even if Ben Snow is no longer in the title-role. W. H. Mack plays it with capital effect.

Seima Herman returns to Boston as a star, and at Music Hall to-day she was as well received in the Charity Nurse as she had been in The Young Wife and For Her Children's Sake in earlier seasons.

The stock company at the Castle Square this week goes back to melodrama and gives an elaborate presentation of Shannon of the Sixth. The title-role is played by Thomas McLarnie, while Lillian Lawrence is Iona.

That other stock company, the Bowdoin Square, also gives melodrama to its patrons in How London Lives, which is new to the local stage. Charles Hunt, who is now back in town from the South, will make her reappearance next week in The Red Café.

The Four Colons are now in the last week of their stay at the Park, and business is as good as ever with Running for Office.

Girls Will Be Girls, at the Majestic will have the longest annual comedy run of the early season. The stay here is limited to this week and next, however, and it will be followed by the production of The Virginian.

The Little Church Around the Corner, which had an excellent week at Music Hall last year, opened to good business to-day.

Fred Miller, Jr., has reached town in advance of Francis Wilson's revival of Erminie, which will open the Columbia next week.

A frequently repeated rumor at the Castle Square has it that Howell Hansell will return there as leading man.

Isabel Irving, one of James K. Hackett's stars, has been rehearsing in this city during the past week. Her tour in The Crisis will open on Sept. 28.

Mary Manning, after witnessing her husband's production of John Ermine of the Yellowstone, returned to New York to begin rehearsals. Leroy J. French, whose home is in Hyde Park, will present his Peck's Bad Boy company for the first performance one day this week, and then will jump the actors in a palace car from here to Wisconsin, a distance of 1,500 miles.

Louise Frost (Mrs. Balch), of Girls Will Be Girls, was called to Washington last week by the sudden illness of her son Earle.

Louis Evan Shipman, who dramatized John Ermine for James K. Hackett, has decided to remain in Boston throughout the engagement.

Marie Cahill suffered considerable loss by the big sale last week. Her sloop yacht Nancy Brown was driven ashore at Sheepshead Bay and her husband's cottage was wrecked at Long Branch, but still she blithely sang comic songs all the week.

James K. Hackett received a cablegram from W. H. Thompson last week stating that he had completed the business connected with Le Secret de Pouchelle in Paris and that he would sail for New York within a fortnight.

Henry W. Savage made a flying trip to Boston as he is here in season for the first performance of The Yankee Consul. His trips here now always are far too brief and too infrequent to satisfy his Boston friends.

There was a wedding in the Girls Will Be Girls company last week, when Mary Karr, who plays Martha Young, the school teacher, became the bride of Robert McIlwain, manager of A Game of Hearts, who came to town quietly and went with his bride to the office of the registrar of marriages, where the ceremony was performed. They intended to say nothing about it, but the secret got out and as a result the company had a jollification on the stage when the bride came on. Rice, old shoes and wedding revels gave the whole thing away.

JAY BENTON.

PHILADELPHIA.

The Red Mouse is a Success—Other Bills in Quaker Town.

(Special to The Mirror.)

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 21.

The authorities in this city have closed the top gallery of the Chestnut Street Theatre, not permitting the manager to open it last Monday, the inaugural night. It has been declared unsafe by the building inspectors and ordered closed by the Director of Public Safety. There are several other places of amusement here that have outlived their usefulness.

The last house to open, the Broad Street Theatre, opened to-night with Miller and Kaufman's production of The Red Mouse, with Valerie Bergere in the stellar role, for a two weeks' engagement. The place is handsomely staged under the direction of Max Freeman, with the following cast:

Richard Vale Edgar L. Davenport
Baron Beauchamp J. M. Colville
Anatole Leris Edward Poland
Count Max von Grieben Emmett Shackelford
Francis Evelyn Allan Garwood
Grigori Robert E. Harold
Bernard Robert Ely
Yves Valerie Bergere
Cecile Henrietta Vaders
Cecile Rose Marston
Margot Natalie Perry

It is in three acts, Act I. showing a Brittany town on a Fair day, and Act III. the Grand Opera House, Paris, on the occasion of a students' ball. Valerie Bergere, Edgar Davenport, J. M. Colville and Henrietta Vaders enact the prominent roles. The Red Mouse is a dramatization of Ouida's well-known novel, "La Folle Fiancee" by H. J. W. Dam. A Girl from Dixie will follow Oct. 5.

The Fisher Maiden is in its second and final week at the Chestnut Street Theatre, and is not meeting expectations. It is called a "Modern Comic Opera," but the plot is rather vague. The pretty girls and tingling music may save the piece, but at present time its fate is in the balance. The Prince of Pilsen will follow Sept. 28 for a two weeks' term.

Kyrle Belles, supported by a good American company, including E. M. Holland and Edwin Arden, opened at the Garrick Theatre to-night for a two weeks' stay in his latest offering, Raffles, in which he enacts "the amateur crackman."

The bookings of the Walnut Street Theatre since the opening of the season form a subject of general comment, and the public are too well posted to pay \$1.50 for inferior attractions. Hearts Courageous opened to-night to fill in the two weeks of the original Charles Graepwin's term. Orrin Johnson enacts the leading role. He is aided by Maude Fealy, John T. Sullivan, Theodore Hamilton, W. S. Hart, Daniel Jarrett, Agnes Palmer and Eleanor Carey. At the conclusion of the engagement here it is said this organization will be transferred to the Broadway Theatre, New York city, Oct. 2 for a run.

The Sultan of Sulu can feel proud of his nightly reception at the Chestnut Street Opera House, this being the third and final week. Bertha Galland with handsome priming is announced to show Sept. 28 for two weeks in Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall.

The Auditorium presents The Child Slaves of New York, a melodramatic sensation by Charles K. Halsey and Howard Hall. The scenery is especially interesting and the story appeals to the masses. The opening is large. Nellie McHenry in Miss, Sept. 28.

Dusy Izzy, after playing last week at the Auditorium, was transferred up-town to the Grand Opera House for this week, and opened to large and pleased house. George Sidney and his company deserve their success. Shadows of a Great City, Sept. 28.

Charles Graepwin and his company, after playing down town in Mr. Pip at a \$1.50 theatre, opened to-night at the Empire Theatre, where the best seats are 50 cents and the bargain matinee 25 cents. As there is a rule at the Empire for two changes of attractions weekly, he remains only for three nights and a matinee. J. E. Toole in Killarney and the Rhine will finish the week.

David Harum, with W. H. Turner in the title role, opened to-night for a two weeks' stay at the Park Theatre, and likely to do well. The Fatal Wedding, Oct. 5; Eight Bella, Oct. 19.

German Stock company at the Arch Street

Theatre, opened the season prosperously Sept. 18, presenting a first-class organization.

A Ragged Hero, with Hal Brown in his original role, fills in the week of the National Theatre, introducing new songs and specialties. The Heart Set, Sept. 28.

The Star Theatre has a good card this week in the spectacular play Search Lights of a Great City, with a good company and many new features added. The motion pictures, introducing the official Referee-Shamrock yacht race. Real news is large. A Life at Stake, Sept. 28.

At the Girard Avenue Theatre this week A Working Girl's Wrongs, with the usual story, fills in the time. The Great Lafayette, Sept. 28.

The Hand of Fate, with a good company, headed by Mamie Fleming and Walter Hull, opened to large patronage to-night at the Kensington Theatre, and received a royal welcome. Carlisle D. Graham, the champion swimmer of the world, shows by moving pictures his recent Niagara Falls episode. Barney Gilmore, Sept. 28.

The Rays in A Hot Old Time is the attraction at the People's Theatre. Many new features have been introduced this season. Jim Blodder, Sept. 28.

The Forepaugh Theatre Stock company made a big hit to-day in First Duchess of Marlboro, with the usual careful production. Florence Arnold has been added to the organization. Patronage is large. Power and Glory, first American representation, Sept. 28.

Darcy and Speck's Stock company, at the Standard Theatre in Devil's Island, with George Arline as the hero, well aided by Mattie Chase and a large cast. The Life that Kills Sept. 28.

Carrie Radcliffe Stock company at the Columbia Theatre are giving a realistic and powerful rendition of Ranche 10. Arthur Matland enacts the late Harry Meredith's role of the twins. George W. Townsend, Thomas Burrows, Earl Wilson, Brazil Fenimore, Charles Calcutt, Marcetta Edmond, Christine Paine, and Carrie Radcliffe all deserve special praise. Ranche 10 is large and well merited. Miss Moulton Sept. 28.

Henrietta Crossman, in As You Like It, will appear at the Academy of Music Nov. 4 for two performances only.

Dumont's Minstrels at the Eleventh Street Opera House have entered into a prosperous season. The new burlesque is a popular hit.

The Dawn of Day company, under management of Jackson Marshall, are stranded in Philadelphia, and are making efforts to get back to New York.

WASHINGTON.

Sothern's The Light That Lies in Woman's Eyes—Other Plays—Gossip.

(Special to The Mirror.)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.

The season at the Columbia Theatre began to-night before a large and fashionable audience. Many expressions of praise were heard at the handsome appearance of the newly decorated house. The night was of special moment, as it signified the first performance of the first play from the pen of Edward H. Sothern, a comedy in three acts and four scenes, entitled The Light That Lies in Woman's Eyes, which was written for his wife, Virginia Harned, who will, after this week's presentation, commence her regular traveling tour in Iria, the new piece to be taken up later. The cast:

Lady Mary Mayfield Ethel Winthrop
Margaret Mayfield Mabel Snider
Lady Loretta Loinster Virginia Harned
Lory Forter Margaret Gordon
Mrs. Baker Mrs. Fanny Addison Pitt
Hector Cameron William Courtenay
Wiggin Smythe Wiggin Stanley Dark
Jack Chomel Master Gregory Kelly
Dr. Harley Eugene Santley
Mr. Splinter William A. Evans
Red Head George Hiddle
Mr. Rogers Frederick Burt
Old Lady Lawrence Reddinger
Rev. Dr. Goodwillie George Irving
King of Gypsies Henry Jewett
Two Boys Master Thomas Kelly
Master Gregory Kelly
Podgers Harry Lewis
Elizabeth Goodall May Barton
Eleanor Sanford Louis La Bey
Amy Mera Oscar Baldwin
Martha Wilde George Reynolds
Ethel Healy Robert Surphin
Emma Thompson Master Reginald Perkins
Man Servant James Reed
Maid Servant Louise Phillips

Mr. Sothern's play presents a rather fantastic but pleasing story, and was well received. The Sultan of Sulu will follow.

With an enthusiastic audience the New National Theatre commenced its season to-night with Kirke La Shelle's elaborate production of Checkers. The play made a tremendous hit. Thomas W. Ross and Katherine Mulkins with distinct success led a long list of prominent players, conspicuous among whom are Dave Graham, Jr., Frank Monroe, Wallace Worsley, Claude H. Cooper, W. D. Clark, Harry Gibbs, Teresa Toubie, Anna Stanton, Marie Taylor, Margaret Smith, Maud Moffat, Claire Armstrong, and May Vokes. Babes in Toyland will succeed.

At the Lafayette Square Opera House another fine opening is discernable and a full house gathered to welcome David Higgins and Georgia Waldron in their new play, His Last Dollar, which made a strong impression. Stair and Nicolai are sponsors and they have given the play a lavish setting. In the clever supporting company are Edward Emery, Thomas Reynolds, William Belfort, Charles Fleming, Allen H. Bailey, William and J. Royal, Katherine Miller, Marie Le Roy, and Alice Matlock. Hagenbeck's trained animals is the next attraction.

The Academy of Music has a thriller in James H. Wallick's scenic production of Through Fire and Water, which meets with instantaneous favor of a crowd to-night that insures a week of large business. The company is a thoroughly capable one. Not Guilty will follow.

Across the Rockies commenced the season at the Empire to-day with two performances to excellent attendance. Garland Gaden stars in this production. The Limited Mail comes next.

Creators and his Italian Band last night at the Columbia inaugurated the Sunday concerts at this house. Madame Barilli, soprano vocalist, assisted in a classical programme. A large audience was in attendance.

The Beauty Doctor is undergoing necessary changes, for, it may be said, the betterment of the service. The book, woefully bad, has been completely rewritten, and new principals among the leaders commence work this week. Della Stacey replaces Marie Hilton as the Beauty Doctor. James Manley, well known as Jim Murphy, a brother of Tim Murphy, succeeds Charles White in the leading comedy role of Gay Boy. Edna Steadman, and the prima donna role is entrusted to the care of Daisy King.

Coyne Fletcher, the authoress who has been abroad during the summer undergoing a cure at the baths at Neuenahr, in Germany, returned to Washington last week completely restored to health.

Percy Weadon, Jay F. Durham, and Cornelius Gardner, three former Washington representatives, in the course of correspondence of national affairs to outside papers, were here during the past week. The work was lively, but they all had an equal showing. Durham was in advance of Virginia Harned Gardner with Checkers, in which production he is jointly interested with Kirke La Shelle, and Percy Weadon, who will be ahead of The Sultan of Sulu.

The Washington Symphony Orchestra are formulating extensive plans for the coming season's work, which will be again under the directorship of Reginald De Koven.

JOHN T. WARR.

BALTIMORE.

Babes in Toyland at Ford's—Amusements of the Week—News Notes.

(Special to The Mirror.)

BALTIMORE, Sept. 21.

The attraction at Ford's Grand Opera House this week is Babes in Toyland, presented under the personal direction of Julian Mitchell. Wil-

ham Morris contains the principal role, giving great pleasure, and is supported by an excellent company, which includes Amy Ricard, George W. Denham, Mabel Harrison, Hilda Halvers, Frank Hayes, Charles Barry, Frances Maria, Hattie Delano, Beulah Wynn, Nellie Webb, Virginia Foltz, Mae Naudin, Doris Mitchell, Catherine Flynn, Stella Broadway, Myrtle McDonald, Nellie Daly, Mary Walsh, Anna Crowell, Belle Robinson, Sue Kellner, Walter Schrade, Margaret Rutherford, Robert Burns, Doris Davidson, Charles Guver, and Gus Play. The scenery is novel and attractive. Next week, *Low Dockstader*.

Chase's Theatre opened for the season to-night with the George Fawcett company and Percy Haswell in *Othello*. Miss Haswell made a charming and sympathetic Desdemona. George Fawcett made a capital Othello. Hewitt Jennings was satisfactory as Iago. The other members of the company rendered excellent support. Among those in the cast are Regan Hughton, Charles A. Gay, George Schrammer, Edwin Evans, Thornton Alexander, Francis Fraunholz, Alfred Hudson, Jr., and Allan Fawcett. The play was appropriately staged and costumed. Mr. Fawcett and his company were warmly welcomed on the rise of the curtain by an audience which completely filled the house. The play selected for next week is *Inglemire*.

Not Guilty, a melodrama of life in the mining district of Pennsylvania, holds the stage of the Holiday Street Theatre. It is presented by a competent company and is well staged.

The Leonard Scarritt Stock company presents *Leah, the Foreman*, at the Empire Theatre, with Mabel Harding in the title role.

Blower E. Vance's sensational railroad drama, *The Limited Mail*, is presented at the Bijou. The stage mechanism and scenery are realistic, and the play abounds in sensational incidents.

Creators and his Italian Band finishes a series of concerts on Saturday night at Music Hall, which were very successful. The attendance was excellent, and the music was thoroughly enjoyed.

The Recurrence, which was announced to be presented at the Empire Theatre this week has been postponed owing to a lack of time to prepare the production. It will be presented a little later.

Irene Langford, leading woman in the company which presented *Searchlights of a Great City* at the Bijou last week, was taken seriously ill in the third act last Thursday night, and was unable to continue her performance. As a result the performance was discontinued. It was stated that Miss Langford was overcome by the heat. Her condition was much improved.

Robert Edson scored a distinct success in *Soldiers of Fortune* at Ford's last week.

Percy Haswell will open her tour about the middle of October, under the direction of George Fawcett. Her play will be *The Favor of a Queen*.

Manager James L. Kernan received a telegram from Manager Robert Grau, of New York, stating that arrangements have been completed for the appearance of Adeline Patti at Mr. Kernan's new theatre in this city.

HAROLD RUTLEDGE.

ST. LOUIS.

The Week's Attractions at the Theatres—The First Novelty—Notes.

(Special to The Mirror.)

St. Louis, Sept. 21.

Robert B. Mantell is at the Olympic this week, supported by Marie Booth Russell in *The Light of Other Days*, written for Mr. Mantell by the author of several romantic pieces in which the actor has been seen. Empire Stock company will follow. Last week a Chinese Honeymoon enjoyed a very large patronage.

One of the season's novelties, and the first new attraction to be seen at the Century this week, beginning Sunday night, when *The Tenderfoot* was placed on view. It is an opera that partakes of many of the elements of musical comedy. The setting is Western and picturesque, and if the record of the piece in Chicago may be taken as a criterion it may be strongly indorsed. Richard Carle has the leading role. Others are Grace Cameron, Agnes Paul, Ethel Johnson, Elie Fitch, Edmund Stanley, Charles Wayne, Henry Norman, Milton Baldwin and Wm. Russell. Last week King Dodo was seen again and apparently liked as much as it was one and two seasons ago. Chauncey Olcott next week.

A type of Irishman new to the stage and vastly more true to life than examples that have been shown a thousand times is being presented at the Grand this week, beginning Sunday afternoon. *The Fanny Mr. Dooley* is the play, and the character that has made acquaintances throughout the length and breadth of the land is the centre of the story. There are several interpolated novelties that are good. Holty Tolly, the attraction which occupied the boards at the Grand last week, was one of the best offerings of the season. The Show Girl is underlined.

Crawford's Theatre is being given over to an exposition of magic and black art this week. On Sunday Herrmann was seen. Last week *Marked for Life* pleased Crawford patrons.

A Human Slave is being presented at the Imperial this week, beginning Sunday afternoon.

The Queen of the Highway, the offering for last week, was deservedly popular. Driven from Home next.

Virginia was presented last week at Koerner's by the Lawrence Hanley Stock company. Victory Bateman assisted.

The Tiger Lilies, one of the familiar burlesque companies, is the Standard offering this week. In addition to the usual lively chorus there is a list of specialties, and, as additional feature, the introduction of Howe, Berry and Walters, comedians.

When the Bell Tolls was Havlin's offering last week. A Little Outcast following.

J. A. NORTON.

CINCINNATI.

Fall Festival Closed—Theatres Doing Good Business.

(Special to The Mirror.)

CINCINNATI, Sept. 21.

A Chinese Honeymoon opened at the Grand to-night to a large and representative audience. The piece was seen here late last season and scored a big success, which seems to have been repeated to-night. Fred Mace is now playing the role originated by Thomas G. Scarborough, and others in the cast worthy of special mention are Katie Barry as the slavey, William Pruette as the Admiral, Violet Dale, Mabelle Baker, Benjamin Howard and George Broderick. Virginia Harned in *Iris* will follow.

Richard Carle in *The Tenderfoot* scored a success of the most substantial kind at the Grand last week. The Western atmosphere of the piece proving a most agreeable novelty in musical comedy, and nothing but praise could be heard from both critics and public for the production.

The Fall Festival closed Saturday night, and though extremely warm weather part of the time interfered with the attendance at the theatres, the great number of visitors in town made the fortnight a very successful one on the whole. Extra performances of Marco Polo were given to meet the demand.

The Middeman, under the management of John H. Havlin and Charles A. Moore, with Horace Lewis in Mr. Willard's old part, was presented at the Walnut yesterday. The support was strong and smooth and a well rounded performance was given. Eugenia Blair follows in *Zaza* and *Magda*.

A Desperate Chance, the drama founded on the escape from prison of the Middle boys, is the week's bill at the Grand.

When the Bell Tolls is the attraction at the Lyceum this week. *Marked for Life* with Bert Haverly as *Marked* is the attraction at the Casino, where it will be followed by *A Gentleman from Gascony* Sept. 27. H. A. SURRO.

PITTSBURGH.

Amusements in the Smoky City Theatres—Music Gossip.

(Special to The Mirror.)

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 21.

A large audience is present to-night at the Empire, where Eugenia Blair and company are seen in *Zaza*. Miss Blair was seen at this house last season in this same play, at which time she won high praise for her portrayal of the title-role. Her acting to-night is of the same excellence, and her company gives her good support in the principal roles. Next week, *The Head Waiters*.

The Bijou holds a large audience to-night, which is gathered to see *Heart's Adrift*, which is a play new to this city. At the start it seems to have the stamp of approval placed upon it by the audience present, judging from the applause given the play thus far. Foxy Grandpa is the underling, with Joe Hart and Carrie De Mar.

Low Dockstader's Minstrels has drawn a well-filled house at the Alvin to-night. Mr. Blue Beard will follow for two weeks.

Henrietta Cressman, who is quite a favorite in this city, has attracted a large audience to the Duquesne to-night, where she is seen in a fine production of *As You Like It*.

The Avenue has a very large audience present to-night, and the excellent vaudeville bill offers warrants it.

At the Pittsburgh Exposition we have Fader's Women's Orchestra, which began its engagement on last Wednesday night, and will remain until Sept. 28, being followed by Sousa and his band Sept. 28.

ALBERT S. L. HEWES.

THE BROOKLYN STAGE.

The Academy of Music opened a four weeks' engagement last night of the Castle Square Opera company, giving grand operas in English. The opening bill was *Faust*. The other operas to be given this week are *Carmina Burana*, *Die Lorelei*, and *Cavalleria Rusticana*. The performances will be reviewed in *The Mirror* next week.

A Trip to Chinatown amused goodly houses at the Columbia last week. The Mat from Mexico this week. David Harum was the bill at the Folly last week. Nat M. Willis in *A Son of West* is the current attraction.

The Limited Mail drew well at the Gotham. The King of Detectives is the card this week.

Nat M. Willis was a good drawing attraction at the Grand Opera House last week. The Fatal Wedding again drew a large house.

Henry's was the bill at the Grand Opera House last week. Henry's was the bill at the Grand Opera House last week.

Grace George in *Pretty Penny* is the current bill. At the Kew-Forest the Little Church Around the Corner scored. Nellie McHenry in *M'liss* visits the house this week.

The King of Detectives played at the Park last week. No Wedding Bells for Her is this week's cheerful announcement.

A new play was presented for the first time on any stage at the Bijou last week, when *The Dancer and the King*, a drama by J. S. Saxe, was presented. It is a romantic drama, dealing with the characters of Louis I, the "mad king" of Bavaria, and Lola Mendez, a court dancer. This Lola succeeds in winning the heart of the king, and thus securing the ruin of the government, which she uses in behalf of the peasant in opposition to the cruel and treacherous ruling of the Prime Minister. Cecil Spooner made a most decided hit as the Dancer, and Augustus Phillips as the King. The cast: The other parts were in competent hands. The cast:

King Louis I.....	Augustus Phillips
Giles.....	Harold Kennedy
Count Abel.....	Wilbur Highby
Baron Schoning.....	Sam F. Wilson
Benzer.....	Curley
Lebort.....	Dwight Allen
Dorrick.....	Charles C. Palmer
General Kaulbach.....	Charles King
Baron Senheim.....	Arthur Story
General Gumpel.....	Thomas Sheeley
Count Schrenke.....	James Andrews
Benson.....	Eugene Ordway
Captain Sefton.....	Arthur Miller
Count Hinton.....	John Quinn
Steuell.....	John Tully
Carl.....	Arthur H. Ash
Captain.....	R. K. Spooner
Countess.....	Albany
Princess Helwig.....	Miss Arnold
Hulda.....	Jessie McAllister
Baroness Gumpel.....	Hal Swanson
Baroness Gumpel.....	Cecil Spooner

This week's bill is *Led Astray*.

The Lyceum Stock company put on *Gravy Jack* last week and the usual heavy business prevailed. William C. Holden scored in the title-role, and Emma Bell was seen to excellent advantage as the heroine.

More Than Queen was presented by Coma Payton's Lyceum Theatre company last week. The company business. Eita Reed Payton was excellent in the part of Josephine Bonaparte, and William A. Mortimer was seen to fine advantage as Napoleon I. Kirk Brown as officers Bonaparte, Robert E. Croft as the Emperor, Joseph Girard as Rostan, Laurence Barbour as Josephine Murat, Henry Testa as Junot, Frank Payton as Jerome Bonaparte, Charles McCreary as Joseph Bonaparte, Charles Mason as Louis Bonaparte, Louis Hoot as Prince Eugene, Clara Austin as Queen Hortense, Nannette Boyer as Letitia, Grace Fox as Pauline, Rose Watson as Caroline, Claudia Lucas as Mlle. Avrilion, and Jennie Austin as Little Charles. The cast all well cast, the play was well put on and met with favor. A Celebrated Case is the current bill.

The Utopians amused patrons of the Gayety last week. Fred Irving and his Show are the present card. At the Star Fred Irving's Big Show drew well last week. This week, the Rents-Saville company amuses.

CALDER JOHNSTON.

VAUDEVILLE.

Hyde and Behman's last week offered the Hyde Show their bill for the week, and it proved one of the best ever offered at the house. The Ford Mottos were easily the hit of the bill and are using much that is new and pleasing. Sam and Kitty are always sure of a large audience, and the clever work, and Clara throws her whole personality into her work with an abandon that is irresistible.

To have her sing a new song should be regarded by the publisher as the highest compliment possible to a vaudeville act. Paul has steadily improved and is now truly a chip of the old block. The other big hit was Paul Kismet in his black art musical act. Without doubt it is one of the best novelties in vaudeville to-day. The idea is capital and the manner in which his assistance is turned into seeming black art is extremely clever. He is also a musician of high order. The Hollaways in their wire walking were truly wonderful and have splendid finish in their cake walking. Bill and Whittaker are always welcome in their entertaining work and took their usual encores. The Piccolo Midgets greatly pleased in a line of acrobatic work that is above the ordinary. The Yankee Comedians are a well-known act, which is improved in many parts, and now have an offering that is one of the best comedy quartettes in vaudeville. Cole and Warner successfully brewed German comedy and made a hit in their cake walk. A German Band and Young played in their illustrated songs. This week, Robert Hilliard, Minstrel Parisians, Marcellus Merrells, McCabe, Sabine and Vera, John Kernell, Donahue and Nichols, Bert and Rose, Taft, Bert and Cal, and Edward and Annie Masse.

Those mighty men of muscle, the Four Nightingales, were the feature of last week's bill and made a decidedly good impression. Wilfred Clarke and capable company were again seen in in the Biograph, and was a pronounced success. Sander and Buckley were most welcome in their comedy musical sketch. They have many new bits of business, which is capital and scored a distinct hit. Ernest Hogan and Mattle Wilkie, was one of the hits of the bill in his imitable songs and comedy work. Mr. Hogan is one of the few colored men in vaudeville who are really original, and his act is one of the best ever seen here. Sydney Grant was most cordially received in his original imitation, most of which is new and especially for the violin work of Josef Dumond. Freile's dogs proved an act of great merit and greatly pleased. Mira Amros did some clever trapeze work, and Tony Wilson and Heloise were well received in their work on the bounding bars. This week's bill includes Mabel McKimley, Merian's pantomime dogs, Max Walden, Louis Simon and Grace Gardner, from Eldridge, York and Adams, Kline, Ott Brothers and Nickerson, and the Jack Trio.

Watson's Theatre is proving an attractive feature in Brooklyn vaudeville, and business is steadily on the increase. The stock company offered a Japanese Honeymoon last week, and it proved a great success. Elmer Tenley scored his usual hit, and the cast was a most capable one. Al Lawrence was the hit of the bill. Others of note were Barber's Truism of Arabs, Johnson and West, Will C. Jones and L. May Brooks.

Edward B. Adams, Auguste Dewell, and Bryant and Deville, this week's offering will be Krommeyer's Alley by the stock company with W. B. Watson and Elmer Tenley. The vaudeville features Winchman's bears, Charles Raucher, Seymour and Dupre, Harris and Walters, Humes and Lewis, and Miles and Netrana. GEORGE TERWILLIGER.

THE NATINEE GIRL



PHILADELPHIA.

Heat hangs over this city like a blanket to-night. From my window in the Walton Hotel I can look over roofs and down the street, where lights twinkle but feebly in comparison with New York's great white way.

Philadelphia is something more than disappointing. It is aggravating. It has a silly little way with it. For instance—on the wall of my room there is a wheel, with a dial hand and things printed around it that one might want. There you will find indicated "Papers," "Writing Materials," "Cab," "Ice Water," "Highball," and dozens of other useful things. You ring a bell and turn the hand to what you want. Here, I thought, is something nice to play with. I pressed the button and turned to "ice water." In a quarter of an hour the chambermaid came and asked me what I wanted.

Then I had another try. I allowed the dial hand to whirl rapidly to "Clean Towels," and waited in terrible suspense for twenty minutes, when a waiter appeared with a *menu* card. It was maddening but it was funny, in a way. It was asking for bread and getting a stone. But it's a way they have. They do everything differently, like the Japs.

I was just powdering my nose and pinkening the tip of my chin, when there was a low, muffled knock at the door. I hesitated and held my breath. The last time I was in Philadelphia—

Well, at all events, at most hotels they prevent people from wandering around the corridor looking for people's rooms until they have sent up a card. In the Walton they seem to encourage it. They do with less bellboys, I suppose. You hear a knock any time, and go to the door attired in a stay cover and a petticoat, expecting ice water, and you are confronted with a cheery: "It's me! I saw your name on the register, and just ran up."

No, remembering this, I proceeded stealthily to the door, opened it, and looked out. I saw one. I was about to go back when I heard a voice saying: "Hello, sister!"

It was Marshall Wilder, smiling happily. "Where did you come from, in the name of all that's wonderful!" said I.

"My room's right across the hall," he said. It was.

"And Mrs. Wilder?"

"Went home on an early train. I am going later."

I told him then about the sad man on an ocean liner who, when asked why he was low in mind, explained that he was on his wedding tour, but couldn't afford to take his wife with him.

Marshall Wilder is always interesting and cheerful, but in this first glow of honeymoon radiance against a Philadelphia background he positively scintillates. He is the happiest man in the world, and says he gets more out of life than any one he knows. I believe it. The fact is, he has cultivated the art of happiness. This he proves in small ways. I began to rail against the weather—"After such a delightful, cool, breezy Summer, fancy this beastly spell of heat!" I spluttered as I perspired into the soup.

"But reasonable," he remarked—"seasonable!"

"Seasonable nothing!" I remonstrated.

"The sweat of one's brow is honorable, but who wants it in one's consommé?"

"You can't tell," he said: "it may improve it."

Then he tried his new monologue on me. It hit the Quaker town while other shows languished and wilted in the heat, and people fled for Atlantic City and the Board Walk.

"I was going down Chestnut street the other day," he said, "and I met two men. One of them was an actor, and the other didn't have any money either. 'Have you been long on the stage?' I asked the actor."

"All my life," he said. "I was born at a rehearsal."

It is a great experience to meet some one who is genuinely happy. A lot of us make a bluff at being happy when we face people, but let a dark day come sometimes, and we cower with all the accumulated misery of years upon us. Our sins as well as our sorrows confront us, and conscience touches our hearts with a red-hot iron.

But Marshall Wilder is really happy. He is filled now with plans for the future for a beautiful home, where his friends will gather, and there is no flaw in his paradise.

One thing we can take off our hats to Philadelphia for, is their etiquette of the stage door. I have had occasion to go to many stage doors in New York, and almost invariably the rule is gruffness, and in many cases the most discourteous treatment—so much so that I no longer pass that way if it is possible to avoid it. On one occasion I was on my way to meet

Maxine Elliott by appointment, but the man at the door was so rude and brutal that I turned and ran for my life. The worst of it is that one always thinks the actor is responsible, whereas the actor has nothing to do with the bully at the stage door. He goes with the house always.

At the stage door of the Garrick Theatre in Philadelphia a man who sat outside took off his hat and stood up until I went in, and there another man greeted me in the same fashion, and brought a chair. This was the most marvelous experience I had ever had. It was worth going to the Quaker City to know that such things could be.

Then there is a distinguishing sort of cleanliness back of the scenes, an absence of rowdiness among the stage hands, a discipline without noise, and above all, a lack of the usual air of confusion which stage hands simulate, very much as Swiss waiters try to give the impression of haste by tripping instead of walking. Very often I have had stage managers say, when behind the scenes while an act is being prepared for: "You would imagine that everything is confusion, but it isn't!"

If it isn't, then there should be no need for the shouting, swearing, crashing and smashing that goes on during the setting up of an ordinary scene.

I had an opportunity during an excellent performance of *A Fool and His Money* to study the Philadelphia audience. Of course it can't be called a typical audience just now, when so many people are out of town; but it suggested somehow that a play which makes a hit in New York should be rewritten before it is put on here. The jokes that go in New York do not go here, while other bits of dialogue that pass without particular notice in New York seem to please. Wittyisms dealing with the life rapid, the chorus girl, the hot bird, the cold bottle and the garter buckle are received almost coldly by the Philadelphians, while a bit of Scotch dialect drives them wild with joy.

Their faces wear smiles and pleased expressions during a performance. In New York, even during the funniest play, the faces are impassive, except when they break into genuine laughs. The faces in the Garrick orchestra reminded me of Mayer's pictures, so unconscious were they of the others about them. In New York we never forget our back hair or that there are people about us, and we keep up our pose. Here they come to see the play, and everybody else can go hang.

Of course the atmosphere of the two cities is widely different. Philadelphia may have its Tenderloin, but its personages do not flaunt either in theatres or in restaurants. Fast life is not regarded here as the exquisite joke that we make it in town. A young woman must possess something more than legs to be a feminine celebrity, and breakfast at four in the afternoon, which has become such a feature at some of our gay French restaurants, is practically unknown.

Philadelphians try to keep it out of the papers when they are naughty. We try to get the whole and story in with our photographs. The girls here know a lot, but they aren't saying a word. They are, on the contrary, just like Susie. In New York girls like to appear wicked—it's the classy thing.

Which reminds me of one New York girl—the daughter of a gruff admiral, who was famed for the shortness of his replies. You might say to him politely, "Fine day, Admiral?"

"Day—yes—fine—no!" he'd say, looking off at the horizon. This sort of thing got to be a by-word with every one that knew him—not excepting his own daughter.

She was pouring at one of the tables at a tea in Washington. The servant had neglected to light the candles on this particular table, and she called him to do so.

"I suppose," said one of the men who was waiting for some tea, "that we shall have to call you girls the foolish virgins?"

She poised the sugar tongs over the bowl, looking at him sweetly. "Foolish—yes—did you say that you took two lumps?"

THE MATINEE GIRL.

ALONG THE MOHAWK.

Along the Mohawk, a new comedy-drama by Nelson Lewis, the author-actor, had its first production this season at the Mattoon Opera House, Mattoon, Ill., on Wednesday, Sept. 2, before a large audience. The scenes of the play are laid along the Mohawk Valley in New York, and the story deals with the troubles of a young woman who is married to a dissipated man who deserts her. The woman takes up newspaper work and secures a position as reporter on a country paper. Her husband follows her and continues his persecutions, and is aided in turning the village folk against her by Harvey Barrett, a justice of the peace, who is also a candidate for the Assembly, and who fears her influence over "Old Stillwaters," the editor of the *Mohawk Beacon*, on which she is employed as reporter. In the end, however, her husband is shown up in his true light and is driven from town, and an artistic climax brings the play to a close. Julia Kingsley as Doris Carey, the woman reporter, and Nelson Lewis as Stillwaters, the editor, filled their respective parts successfully.

SAID TO THE MIRROR.

McKEE RANKIN: "WHILE THE MIRROR correct the statement that my old and valued friend, Colonel T. Allison Brown, has engaged Nance O'Neill and McKee Rankin for a season of eight weeks in a company just organized by W. S. Cleveland? As a matter of fact, Miss O'Neill has entered into a contract with Mr. Cleveland to appear in a series of plays in her repertoire for a term of four weeks. She will be supported by E. J. Ratcliffe, Mr. Cleveland's stock company, and your humble servant."

JOSEPH ARTHUR: "As a result of the exposure in THE MIRROR of Nathan Appell's attempt to give unauthorized performances of my copyrighted play, *Blue Jeans*, I am glad to announce that H. P. Soulier, of the Lyric Theatre, Hoboken, promptly cancelled the engagement there of Appell's King Dramatic company. I am grateful for the honorable action of Mr. Soulier."

EMANUEL LEDERER: "The Ed. Redmond company gave a piratical performance of *Are You a Mason*, under the title of *Are You an Elk*, at the New Auditorium Theatre, Lincoln, Neb. My attorney proceeded at once to take legal action in the matter."

Smokers

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THE USHER



It is rather unfair to Stephen Phillips that Ulysses should have preceded Herod in this country. Herod was a literary, artistic and popular success in London, while Ulysses failed to excite enthusiasm in any quarter except by the manner of its production by Beer-bohm Tree. In New York the costumes are the same, it is understood, as were used in the original production, and they are very beautiful, but the scenery is distinctly beneath the standard, while the less said about the stage management of the play the better. It is here that the importers of foreign productions frequently fall short. The stage director in this country is pretty nearly as extinct as the dodo, and, judging from Ulysses and many other instances that have been afforded during the past few years, there is a lamentable lack of ability even to imitate or reproduce approximately the stage management that is ready-made from the other side.

The Philadelphia authorities have ordered the gallery of the Chestnut Street Theatre to be closed. On the recommendation of the Building Inspection Bureau this action was taken by the Director of Public Safety, attention having been called to the need of care by the accident recently at the Philadelphia Base Ball Park. The gallery of the Chestnut was found to be in a dangerous condition, and Nixon and Zimmerman accordingly were notified that it must not be used.

The World in an editorial on Sunday called attention to the fact that of the six new dramas produced in this city last week four were by English authors, and the American playwright, therefore, derives little profit from New York's lively interest in the stage.

"The trouble is," says the World, "that there are too few men of literary capacity in this country who seriously follow the profession of writing for the stage, as they do abroad. There is no branch of literature in which returns come so quickly or fame is so easily won. No doubt many are discouraged by the American disposition to accept the drama as a mere entertainment instead of an art, and to give their chief support to non-sensical froth to which no writer with proper self-respect would attach his name."

Is it altogether the fault of the American public? Are not American managers more or less responsible for the steady decline in dramatic standards and the preference for frivolity that marks the present period? The public has to select from what is presented to it. If managers constantly give the public what is trivial or meretricious, is it not reasonable to think that a debased appetite is created by what the public is compelled to feed on?

As the World observes, there is no city in the world that is willing to pay as liberally as New York for its theatrical entertainment, and it is unfortunate "that the drama should not develop and advance on better lines and to a higher plane." But so long as the drama is relegated to a secondary place and the "show" retains the centre of the stage, New York is not to be blamed so much as it is to be commiserated with.

Recently there was presented in the old Roman theatre at Orange, France, the tragedy of Oedipus by Mounet-Sully and the Théâtre Français company. The Roman theatre is two thousand years old. It has an enormous stage, which faces a hill, where rise semicircular tiers of seats for the spectators.

According to a writer who attended the performance, one of the most interesting features was the varied composition of the audience that witnessed it. The following description of the assemblage illustrates the widespread love of dramatic art among the French of all classes, and affords a contrast to the lack of that appreciation in our own country:

"The crowds which poured in from all parts of France were of absorbing interest, not so much from the number of celebrities, though they were legion—the red ribbon of the Legion of Honor and the button of the Academy were everywhere—as from the remarkable illustration they afforded of the love of art inherent in all classes of the French people. A play that in America would have appealed only to the cultivated, in France aroused the utmost enthusiasm in all sorts and conditions of men and women. Grocers and pork butchers jostled professors from the Sorbonne and Immortals from the Academy; artists and litterateurs were cheek by jowl with 'dames de comptoir' and blue-frocked peasants; and the Arlesian women in their quaint costumes contrasted strangely with the fin-de-siècle Parisiennes in the latest creations of Doucet."

A theatregoer writes: "I have been amused to read in the newspapers of the 'annual war' of the management of the Knickerbocker Theatre on ticket speculators. On Saturday night of the first week of the engagement of the Rogers Brothers I was offered two dollar seats for fifty cents apiece by speculators in front of the doors of the theatre. Is it not barely possible that a good deal of managerial outcry against speculators is intended to impress the public with the idea that the theatres professing to be waging war are doing a land-office business?"

Edward E. Pidgeon has been engaged as dramatic editor of the New York Press, to succeed William G. Beecroft. William Bullock will occupy the post of dramatic critic on that paper this season.

MANUSCRIPT LOST AND FOUND.

The only complete manuscript of Mrs. Langtry's play, Mrs. Deering's Divorce, was lost last week by Assistant Stage-Manager Henry S. Alward, who left it in an elevated train while on his way to the Lamb's Club. A reward of \$5 was offered for the return of the manuscript, and last Tuesday an insurance agent named Henry Klock called at the Savoy Theatre, saying he had found it, and demanded the reward before he would give it up. An argument ensued, the result of which was Klock's arrest. Later at the West Thirtieth Street station he surrendered the manuscript. He was then told if he would have the reward he must sue for it. Mr. Alward said that the reward would willingly have been paid but for the distrust which Klock displayed at the theatre.

A NOVEL STAGE ROMANCE.

May Grant, a Boston young woman, went on the stage a little over a year ago for the express purpose of traveling and in that way endeavoring to find her brother, George Grant, who left his home in Boston during the Spanish-American War in 1898 and had not been heard from since. He was a student at Cornell College at the time and enlisted in the army against his father's wishes. The young man recognized a photograph of his sister last Tuesday night among several others of The Girl from Dixie company, which was playing at the Garrick Theatre, Chicago. He met his sister inside the theatre and agreed to go home with her. She obtained a leave of absence and last Thursday they boarded a train for Boston. Their father is Robert Emmet Grant, well known in that city.

STUART ROBSON'S ESTATE APPRAISED.

Stuart Robson's personal estate has been appraised at \$31,992, a schedule of the estate having been filed last Thursday by Leon Laski, counsel for May Dougherty Stuart, widow and administratrix of Henry W. Stuart (Stuart Robson). Nearly all of it is in cash deposits in banks and trust companies. The value of contracts with Bronson Howard, Augustus Thomas, and Charles Gibson for the plays The Henrietta and The Education of Mr. Pipp, is set down as being undetermined.

INJUNCTION APPLIED FOR.

Leander S. Sire applied to Justice Blachoff in the Supreme Court last Tuesday for an injunction restraining the Shubert Brothers from presenting Mabelle Gilman in Dolly Varden in London, claiming that he had a contract with Miss Gilman to play for him four years and that but one year had elapsed. Counsel for the Shuberts claim the contract was void, because Mr. Sire had not paid Miss Gilman the salary contracted for. Decision was reserved.

AN EXPLORING ASSOCIATION.

Dave Nowlin, Milton Roberts, Fred Williams, E. J. De Varney, Bob Lee, Ed Russell, and Tom Large, of Peck and His Mother-in-Law Abroad company, have organized "The Climbers," the purpose of which association is to explore the highest mountains in the vicinity of places where they play. "The Climbers" promise to become a widespread organization, as several of the road attractions have adopted the title and become members.

MRS. DELANEY OF NEWPORT.

Mrs. Delaney of Newport, a new musical farcical comedy in three acts, book and lyrics by William Jerome and the music by Jean Schwartz, was produced last Wednesday evening at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., at the Collingwood Theatre, under the management of James Hyde. The Elmore Sisters, Kate and May, well known in vaudeville, were featured and the piece went well, according to reports.

MAY ISSUE AN INJUNCTION.

Manager John B. Doris obtained an order in court last week summoning George Lederer, Reginald de Koven, and George Hobart to show cause why an injunction should not be issued against them restraining them from presenting The Jersey Lily, inasmuch as he claims he had a contract with Hobart and de Koven to produce it before it was taken up by Mr. Lederer.

A MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY.

Jerry J. and Helen F. Cohan, of the Four Cohans, celebrated the twenty-ninth anniversary of their marriage at the United States Hotel, Boston, on Sept. 12, where they entertained a number of friends. They received congratulations from their friends as well as presents from their son and daughter, George and Josephine, respectively.

LEWISTON THEATRE ATTACHED.

The Empire Theatre, Lewiston, Me., which is being built by the Amalgamated Theatre Building Company, of New York, was served with an attachment for \$5,000 last Monday and work was discontinued. The attachment was served by lawyers acting for heirs of a man who was killed while at work on the building and whose relatives have brought suit to recover damages.

AN INCIDENT OF THE GHETTO STAGE.

Jacob P. Adler's Grand Street Theatre was beset by a strike last Wednesday, when all the performers in the Broken Hearts company went out. The trouble is said to have been caused by the firing of one of the company, Mina Lovitz. She was fined \$3 and appealed to the Hebrew Actors' Protective Association. The fine was not withdrawn and the strike was ordered.

MRS. LANGTRY GIVES A SUPPER.

Mrs. Langtry entertained at supper at the Hotel Marie Antoinette last Thursday night after her performance in Mrs. Deering's Divorce. John Drew, Charles Warner, Kyle Bellew, Charles Hawtrej, and Richard Mansfield, Lawrence D'Orsay and Mrs. Langtry's brother, Clement Le Breton, were present also.

VIRGINIA HARNED OPENS SEASON.

Virginia Harned will open her season in The Light that Lies in Women's Eyes, written for her by her husband, E. H. Sothern, Monday night in Washington. She will appear in New York some time about the holidays.

FOOLS OF NATURE.

Julia Marlowe opened her season last Friday night in New Haven, when she produced for the first time on any stage H. V. Esmond's comedy, Fools of Nature.

CUMMINS' INDIAN CONGRESS.

Colonel F. T. Cummins' Indian Congress and Life on the Plains opened an engagement at Madison Square Garden last Thursday night under very inauspicious circumstances. First of all, there was a small attendance, and this fact, together with the absence of the "Indian" part of the spectacle, was lamentable. The Indians were said to have been lost on the way and were stranded somewhere between New York and Buffalo. At least they were anywhere but at Madison Square Garden. The fact is that, although the production may improve, it was very bad last Thursday and presented but slight semblance to what it was advertised to be. There were cake-walkers, cowboys, acrobats and so on. But there were no Indians outside a half dozen who resembled sparrows in a large flock of crows. The few people who were in the "Congress" were lost in the large arena and the poor little bronchos looked bewildered.

Nebraska Bill and Bounding Fawn gave all the shudders when they came out, and Bounding Fawn proceeded to permit herself to be surrounded by knives and hatchets thrown at her by Bill. The knives formed a fence about her but didn't harm a hair of her head. Butler's Troubadours, cake-walkers, amused themselves, and George Raymond and Edith Sortonia did some really creditable broadsword, foil and single-stick fencing. The Glinseretta Gymnastic Giants marched to the centre of the arena with majestic mien, did a couple of somersaults, and then the band stopped. "Music! music!" cried the leader, and as there came no music the performers gathered up their skirts and marched off. The Streeter Zouaves were excellent, although they had to contend with a rickety platform which was much too small and unsuitable. Then there were high wire performances, trapeze tricks and the inevitable horse thief lynching, the attack on the lone settler's cabin, the sham-fight and the stage-coach hold up. Colonel Cummins' Indians may arrive and the performance may warm up and become better.

FRANK JAMES SUES FOR \$35,000.

Frank James entered suit against E. H. Brigham, manager of the Gillies Opera House, Kansas City, and all the members of The James Boys in Missouri company Friday, Sept. 11, for \$35,000 damages. Mr. Brigham and Frank Gozolo, the latter the manager of the company, were the first ones served with the papers, and then three deputy sheriffs made a tour of the dressing rooms and served each member separately. Managers Brigham and Gozolo regard the matter as a joke, saying that James, who is conducting a circus in the vicinity, is taking this action for advertising purposes.

Mr. James maintains that he is a fully established citizen of Clay County, Montana, that he is regarded as a clean business man with a good reputation, and that any such play as is being presented by the company, which he names detrimental to his character, inasmuch as it leaves a wrong impression.

One of the characters, he says, goes by the name of Frank James. He also claims that on Sept. 4 of this year and at divers other times, the defendants maliciously and wrongfully displayed photographs and caricatures associating him (James) in the humiliating position of a robber, and associated with others in the commission of the crimes of train robbing, gambling, and as a fugitive from justice. He says also that he is represented in the play in the same disgraceful and humiliating positions as a train robber, gambler and a fugitive from justice. Such representations, he says, are false, defamatory and malicious, and have a tendency to hold him up to public ridicule and contempt, and so hurt him in business and deprive him of the benefits of social intercourse, public confidence and blacken his character. He stigmatizes the play as a libel and a slander, and asks \$25,000 actual damages and \$10,000 punitive damages.

MARY OF MAGDALA IN BOOK FORM.

The play of Mary of Magdala, in which Mrs. Fiske has begun her second season, was issued in book form last week by The Macmillan Company, of New York and London. The issuance of the book makes public the fact that the English version was made by William Winter, the distinguished dramatic critic, which lends not a little fresh interest to the work.

In his preface Mr. Winter explains that the play in the original German of Paul Heyse is human and compassionate in spirit, but is neither poetical nor spiritual, and is lacking in refinement. For this reason Mr. Winter has followed a free course in his adaptation, making essential modifications in the structure, the character and the tone. The result is a paraphrase rather than a translation.

The exalted beauty of Mr. Winter's verse, though apparent in the stage performance, is far more striking in the printed page. The English used is simple, the meaning of every line perfectly clear, and the literary construction superb.

The book is, of course, printed for reading purposes only, the acting rights being retained by Mrs. Fiske. In printing and binding the volume is most worthily gotten up. The price is \$1.25, and it may be had of The Macmillan Company, 68 Fifth avenue.

A NEW FIRM.

A new firm of managers which bids fair to become an important factor in theatrical affairs is one composed of J. Harwood Springer and Carroll Fleming. Mr. Springer has long been associated with his father, John H. Springer, manager of the Grand Opera House, gaining thereby an experience and knowledge of the business that is varied and thorough. As a dramatic author Carroll Fleming first won his spurs with his Hopkins, and his long connection in the past with the leading New York papers has thoroughly equipped him for the work of giving publicity to the firm's ventures. The first production to be made by Springer and Fleming is The Wayward Son, a domestic comedy-drama by Nell Twomey, the date being Oct. 12, at the Grand Opera House, this city.

MADAME KALISH AT THE THALIA.

Madame Bertha Kalish, the most distinguished of Jewish actresses, began the regular season at the Thalia Theatre last Friday evening with a presentation of Jacob Gordin's drama, The Yiddish Sappho. The play, which was reviewed at length in THE MIRROR at the time of its first production, has come to be one of the most popular in the repertoire of the actress. Her supporting company this season is excellent. The audience, which completely filled the large auditorium, was as enthusiastic as ever in its plaudits.

A CIRCUS DIARY.

"Punch" Wheeler, press agent of John Robinson's Ten Big Shows, has just published an attractive little booklet, plentifully illustrated, in which he gives the history of the circus company for the season just closed. The log is written in Wheeler's well-known humorous style, and contains many jokes that are new. Portraits appear in the book of every important officer of the show, including a capital one of "Punch" Wheeler himself.

LEDERER'S APPLICATION DISMISSED.

George W. Lederer's application for a discharge from bankruptcy for want of prosecution has been dismissed by Judge Holt of the United States District Court. He also vacated an injunction which Mr. Lederer obtained Sept. 30, 1902, against Powers and Mayer, creditors for \$678, staying proceedings by them in the State courts.

MAUDE ADAMS' REAPPEARANCE.

Maude Adams will make her reappearance on the stage at the Wetting Opera House, Syracuse, N. Y., at some early date, not as yet announced. Her play will be a new one.

PERSONAL.



HARRIGAN.—Edward Harrigan appears to be enjoying all his old popularity with his new play, Under Cover, which embodies the essentials of his old-time art and still is up to date.

BARNARD.—Charles Barnard, the dramatist, has for a time at least forsaken the field of the theatre. He is engaged upon important work for the Century Company, is engaged on a book, and is the author of a new story, "The Door in the Book," published by the Fleming H. Revell Company, that makes a departure in Bible literature. Mr. Barnard in this work, it is said, has combined the fascination of a fairy story with a reverent and truthful interpretation of Scripture narrative through the medium of the younger characters in the Old Testament.

CAHILL.—Marie Cahill has written a book, entitled "It's Hard to Convince You," which deals with incidents in her own life.

SHAW.—Mary Shaw has received a letter from Henrik Ibsen, it is said, in which he denies that he is ill, and says that he is at work on a new drama which he hopes will outrank A Doll's House.

GARSED.—Henry E. Garsed, secretary of the Board of Managers of the Edwin Forrest Home, is critically ill at his home in Philadelphia. His physicians hold out no hope for his recovery.

FITCH.—Clyde Fitch was injured slightly last Thursday while directing a rehearsal of Her Own Way, at the Garrick Theatre, by falling glass from a skylight, broken by the wind.

WARFIELD.—David Warfield returned from California last Tuesday and will soon open his New York season in The Auctioneer.

GEORGE.—Grace George began her season in Pretty Peggy at the New Rochelle Theatre, New Rochelle, N. Y., on Friday evening last.

MARLOWE.—Julia Marlowe has purchased a house at Riverside Drive.

REHAN.—Ada Rehan returned from Europe last week on the Philadelphia.

SAUNDERS.—Mrs. Elizabeth Saunders, a cousin of Joseph Jefferson and of the late William Warren, and herself a player of note in her day, is reported to be dying at her home in San Francisco. She is eighty-four years old and retired from the stage a generation ago. In her day she was regarded as one of the best impersonators of old women on the American stage.

ELLIOTT.—Maxine Elliott has been suffering considerably since her recent return from England, with a nervous disorder. On that account rehearsals of Her Own Way, in which she is to star this season, have been interrupted. There has been no official announcement, however, that the play will not be presented at the Garrick Theatre on Sept. 28, as originally planned.

AITKEN.—Spottiswood Aitken was engaged last week to play in support of Marie Wainwright this season.

HUBBARD.—Eliott Hubbard, editor of The Philistine and master of the Roycroft Shop at East Aurora, N. Y., delivered a lecture at the Manhattan Theatre, on Sunday evening, upon the subject of "William Morris, the Craftsman." The audience was large, and after the lecture Mr. Hubbard held an informal reception on the stage, which was handsomely decorated with furniture, pictures, tapestries and books made by the Roycrofts.

A NEW MANSFIELD PLAY.

Richard Mansfield signed contracts for George H. Broadhurst and Justus Miles Forman's dramatization of Mr. Forman's novel, The Garden of Lies, stipulating, however, that he shall not produce it till next season. Mr. Mansfield will appear as a dashing and adventurous young Irishman.

A BURNING ACCIDENT.

Nellie McHenry was burned rather severely last Thursday night at the Bijou Theatre, Jersey City, as the result of pressing too closely to a blaze used in a burning cabin scene in the play, her dress catching fire. Mr. Halsey, one of the company, was also burned while trying to extinguish the flames.

MRS. LE MOYNE'S PLAY.

Mrs. Sarah Correll Le Moyne opened her regular season at the Grand Opera House, Detroit, Mich., on Sept. 24, playing out the week. Her offering was Stanislaus Stange's new comedy, Lady Hamilton's Secret. From local reports the effort was a success.

AT THE THEATRES

To be reviewed in this Mirror next week:
RACHEL GOLDSTEIN. Grand.
NEW YORK LIFE. New Star.

Garden—Ulysses.

Play in four acts by Stephen Phillips. Produced Sept. 14.

Ulysses	Tyrone Power
Telemachus	Edgar Selwyn
Antinous	Ralph Delmore
Encyrtus	William Owen
Cleopatra	Harry Lockstone
Phemius	Fuller Mellich
Eumaeus	Low Vincent
Philoctetes	Louis Egan
Phocion	Harry Forbes
Phenor	Warne Gray
Menelaus	Elizabeth Churchill
Clyde	Elizabeth Churchill
Penelope	Rose Coghlan
Zeus	William C. Balfour
Heracles	Bertram A. Marshall
Hermes	Charles Crane
Pallas Athene	Adelaide Prince
Aphrodite	Frances Blake
Nymph	Leonora Harris
Calypso	Olive Oliver
Agamemnon	Charles Dana
Chiron	Harvey Benson
Teiresias	James Dalton
Phaedra	Eva Davis
Anticlea	Katherine Goodwin

Stephen Phillips, the English poet, whose work is well known to American readers of books, was brought for the first time to the attention of those American playgoers who do not read books on last Monday night, by the presentation of his blank verse drama, *Ulysses*, at the Garden Theatre. The play was produced last season by Herbert Thorne in London, and while it was considered by the critics there as hardly equal to the young poet's other dramas—*Pale and Francesca* and *Herod*—it made sufficient stir to attract the attention of the manager who brought it to this country. It is, indeed, unfortunate for Mr. Phillips that his worst play should be the first to be presented on the local stage.

It is beyond question that Mr. Phillips is a writer of scholarly attainments, and one who has done much for modern English letters. He has succeeded in reviving interest in the poetic drama in England—which is a considerable achievement. Yet Mr. Phillips has done little more than might be expected of any classical student of literary bent who besides his knowledge of books has a practical knowledge of the stage. In *Ulysses* he touches no new note, he never once appeals strongly to the emotions, he creates almost nothing. His verse is, of course, scholarly and graceful, but it is not exalted in feeling nor profound in thought. The play is simply a spectacular stage version of Homer's *Odyssey*, written, apparently, with due consideration of the importance of the box-office. Properly presented *Ulysses* might be a splendid spectacle, but when, as in the present production, one hears the rumble of the stage machinery and sees only garishness where grandeur should be, the play provokes laughter instead of exultation and awe.

The story of the drama deals with the release of Ulysses from the spell of Calypso, through the intervention of Pallas Athene to Zeus in his behalf; the wooing of Penelope by her several suitors during the absence of Ulysses, and her repudiation of them; the descent of Ulysses into Hell on a journey of penance, and finally the return of the hero to Ithaca, his victory over his enemies and his reuniting with Penelope. The scene of the prologue is Mount Olympus, where, on a curved bench that suggests the front row in the "family circle," the gods and goddesses sit in more or less solemn majesty. The second scene, which is really beautiful, represents a sea cave on Calypso's island. Here Ulysses is found under the spell of the enchantress until he is rescued by Pallas Athene. The second act takes place in the courtyard of the palace of Ulysses at Ithaca, and there Penelope is revealed, hard pressed by her suitors, but remaining steadfast in her love for her long absent husband. The scene of the third act is the approach to Hades and Hades itself. The picture of Hell was at first rather awe-inspiring, and when Ulysses came slowly down the long descent of rock-hewn steps, with pallid wreaths circling round him, the effect was, to say the least, "creepy." But when Ulysses calmly walked on the waters of the Stygian River without sinking, and when the boat that was supposed to move never passed the rocks in front of it, and when the chorus of spectres passed moaning to and fro across the stage as they do in the spectacular productions of Faust, Hell became more laughable than horrifying. The first scene of the fourth act shows a swineherd's hut on the coast of Ithaca, where the wandering Ulysses learns from his son, Telemachus, of the state of affairs at his home. The last scene is the banquet hall in the palace of Ulysses. It is a gorgeous setting—the best, in many respects, in the production. Ulysses enters disguised as a beggarman, and there is, at last, a passage that approaches true feeling between him and Penelope. He suffers the taunts and insults of the hangers-on at his court, and at the end of the banquet, when Ulysses triumphs over the suitors of Penelope, and takes her again to his arms.

Tyrone Power presented, as Ulysses, a striking figure. He is admirably suited to the role in physique, bearing and manner, and his Ulysses was strong, resolute and heroic. He lacked, however, a certain distinction that the role demands. His reading of the lines was uneven. At times his elocution was excellent and his sonorous voice rang out true to the emotion of the moment, but again and again he descended to the commonplace, losing altogether the cadence of the verse as well as obscuring the meaning of the lines.

Rose Coghlan's Penelope was in every particular a delightful impersonation. Her authoritative manner, her womanliness, her depth of feeling and her excellent elocution made her performance the best of the evening. Ralph Delmore was a robust, aggressive Antinous, of picturesque appearance. Edgar Selwyn, as Telemachus, was natural but lacking in poetic spirit. William Owen played Cleopatra in his customary creditable fashion, and Fuller Mellich did a capital bit of character work as Eumaeus, the swineherd. Adelaide Prince gave a most graceful and artistic performance in the character of Pallas Athene, and Olive Oliver was a thoroughly pleasing Calypso. The others in the cast ranged mediocrity down.

Manhattan—Mary of Magdala.

The revival of *Mary of Magdala* by Mrs. Fluke at this theatre for a brief season on Sept. 14 was welcomed by a large audience, and a uniformly large attendance since has emphasized the great interest taken in this drama in spite of its long run at the Manhattan last season. Indeed, one turns even from the most pretentious of contemporary stage offerings to again recognize in this production one of the most remarkable from every viewpoint that the stage has seen. It stands by comparison like some work by a master in a gallery of the commonplace and the mediocre, as to the finer details that distinguish an achievement on large lines really artistic. The drama itself, shadowed by the world's greatest tragedy, impresses singularly from first to last. Its literary body is alone a subject of admiration for its poetry and scholarship. The material part of the production will long stand as a model for the finest taste wedded to historic accuracy and enriched by the labors of artistic knowledge in every contributing field. No such stage pictures have been witnessed in the modern drama. As to the acting that gives the play its great vitality, Mrs. Fluke even surpasses her remarkably fine impersonation of the Magdalen of a year ago. It is evident that the part entitles her full artistic sympathy, for she describes its varying phases with an earnestness and an effect of reality that places the character among the most convincing that the present stage has shown. As for all her notable characterizations thus far this will stand as the first in its power,

as well as in poetic beauty and the rare skill with which she denotes varying emotion. Charles Kent plays the uniquely powerful and effective role of Jesus with a fine intelligence and fluency. He makes clear every impulse that the dramatist has given to the character, and at all times his figure is picturesque and fascinating. Hobart Bosworth brings to the part of Flavius an affluent personality and an adequate conception of the part that is interpreted by an enlightened reading of the lines. Henry J. Carter, as the capital Haran, and M. J. Jordan repeats his painstaking work as Calaphas. Emily Stevens, a young actress who gives every suggestion of future prominence, develops with skill the small but important part of Miriam, which exerts an unusual appeal upon an audience. Rose Eyring gives a pleasing suggestion of the force and effective formality of an age of acting that is past in the character of Rachel, and the minor characters are all well impersonated. The mob scenes again are exceptional for their simulation of actual life, and the scene of the storm, in the last act, rendered doubly effective by its peculiar symbolism, stands as the finest achievement of the kind that the stage in this country yet has seen. Next week will be the last during which *Mary of Magdala* may be seen at the Manhattan. For the final week of her engagement Mrs. Fluke, following her impulse for artistic change, will appear in Hedda Gabler, one of the most powerful and significant of Ibsen's dramas. At the conclusion of her engagement she will enter upon a tour that will involve all of her time until next season, and will not be seen again in New York until another year, which will introduce her, it is promised, in a Shakespeare production.

Murray Hill—Under Cover.

Comedy in three acts by Edward Harrigan. Produced Sept. 14.

Lizzie Lutz	Jane Elton
Minnie	Iola Abraham
Paula	Alice Wild
Todd	Joseph Davis
Chas. Fox	Arthur O'Keefe
"Hiny" Muller	James McCullough
Peter Hecandy	George Merritt
Royal Moffit	Lillie Eldridge
Philo Pinham	Addie Gibbons
Alonso Bileover	Dan Collyer
Fourth Walter	Joseph Sparks
First Walter	Dave McCall
Bob Blinker	George L. Stout
Osway Gilmartin	Edward Harrigan
Nancy Delaney	Mrs. Annie Yeomans
August Rhinehart	Harry Fischer
Dixie Merrall	Maude Knowlton
Second Walter	F. Ryan
Third Walter	Fred Johnson
Fourth Walter	Jay Wilson
Al. Singleton	Adelaide Manola
Helene	G. L. Clark
Eliza Bluepoint	Elizabeth King
Ben Marshall	James Fitzgerald
Winnie Merrall	Will H. Bray
Syd Slaughter	Will H. Bray
Michael Quisley	Jennie Yeomans
Boole	George Lambert
Beppo	F. Bond Burke
Major Allison	W. Watson
Sober Mike	Louie Wild
Maggie Nugent	George Snyder
Betty Prig	August Manning
Cigarettes	W. Pender
Country Girl	
Reporter	

Edward Harrigan made his New York reappearance last week at the head of his own company, at the Murray Hill Theatre. In a new play written by himself, and was most happily welcomed. The pretty theatre was crowded, and it was evident that many among those present had pleasing recollections of the days when Ned Harrigan again after season at New York, laughing and singing the lines of his part, but the demonstration continued, until finally he stepped to the footlights and, in a voice choked with emotion, thanked his friends for their welcome, and expressed the hope that his efforts would please them as they had in days gone by. Mrs. Annie Yeomans, whose name is inseparably associated with the earlier Harrigan plays, had a reception as less hearty than that accorded to her when she first appeared in the *Prize of Society*, and the other former favorites of the Harrigan company, they were in turn greeted as old friends. It was a great night for Mr. Harrigan and his associates, and proved that New Yorkers do not forget those who have helped them to pass many a happy hour.

Under Cover is the title of Mr. Harrigan's latest effort, and it is necessary to say that it follows the old Harrigan plan of "something doing" all the time. Mr. Harrigan is a great believer in action, and his characters kept on the move from start to finish in a way that kept the spectators in great humor. The dialogue was full of those witty lines with a quaint flavor of Irish philosophy for which the author is famous, and many of them are as sparkling as freshly minted coins. The plot, to be sure, but it is inconsequential. The first and third acts take place at a road house, owned by Dixie Merrall, a young woman from Kentucky, who also controls a racetrack in the vicinity. A negro cemetery adjoins the track, and the proprietress is anxious to secure the ground in order to entangle her track. Alonso Bileover, a colored gentleman, representing the Native Sons of Manhattan, who have a long lease of the cemetery that has just expired, makes an attempt to renew the lease, but without success. August Rhinehart, a German, holds a conveyance of the property, and wishes to sell it to Miss Merrall. The lease and the deed are lost and found with great frequency, and the Irish, negroes and Germans are hopelessly involved until matters are finally adjusted. An adventure named Al. Singleton tries to win the hand of Miss Merrall, and incidentally to fleece her out of \$5,000, is adroitly shown up by Gilmartin, who is aided in his good work by a colored sport named Syd Slaughter.

There are six new songs in the piece, the words being by Mr. Harrigan and the music by George. They are "Oh, What's the Use," "Sweet Mamie's Running Yet," "When Mamie, Sweet Mamie's Bride on the Fringe of Society," "A Coon Will Follow a Band," and "Lulu's Honeymoon." "Oh, What's the Use" was well sung by Jane Elton and the company. The others were fairly good, but none of the songs can compare with the old hits written by Dave Abraham. Jennie Yeomans was very successful with "The Fringe of Society," which she sang in the second act, supported by a chorus of Bowery types, to whom she pointed to emphasize the moral of her song, which was echoed several times.

Mr. Harrigan was the same debonair, easy-going Irishman he always was—a trifle stouter than he used to be, but just as light on his feet and as nimble of speech as of yore. He reeled off his lines with telling effect, and they were all good for hearty laughs. Mrs. Yeomans, looking as young as her daughter, had her inimitable brogue and coquettish manner, and kept pace with Mr. Harrigan, even to the dancing of a jig. Jennie Yeomans had little to do except her song, but she put much good work into that. Dan Collyer and Joseph Sparks had several exuberantly funny scenes, and carried off their full share of the honors. Jane Elton, as a typical East Side Dutch girl, was pleasing, and will probably develop under Mr. Harrigan's instruction. Harry Fischer in one of his usual Dutch characters, and George Merritt as a "little rube," sustained their reputations. Will H. Bray as Syd Slaughter made a hit as a well colored number. Maude Knowlton looked stunning as Dixie Merrall, and played with ease and grace. George L. Stout and James McCullough, also old favorites, had good comedy roles, and handled them well. Arthur O'Keefe, as Hiny, danced skillfully. Adelaide Manola, a

pretty girl elaborately dressed, sang "Lulu's Honeymoon" well and danced a few polka little steps gracefully. The minor characters were all in good hands and the piece ran very smoothly. The production made by Liebler and Company, who are Mr. Harrigan's managers this season, was elaborate and tasteful. The four scenes by Gates and Morange are excellent, and the accessories and costumes left nothing to be desired. Under Cover is announced for an indefinite run.

Criterion—The Man from Blankley's.

Comedy in three acts by F. Anstey. Produced Sept. 16.

Lord Strathpeffer	Charles Hawtrey
Mr. Montague Tidmarsh	Fred Thorne
Mr. Gabriel Gilwattle	Henry Kemble
Mr. Toomer	E. A. Plumptre
Mr. Jeremiah Ditchwater	Holman Clark
Mr. Nathaniel Bodish	Herbert Ross
Mr. Poffey	Herbert Ross
Daves	Arthur Playfair
Mrs. Montague Tidmarsh	Fanny Brough
Mrs. Gilwattle	Maud Shelton
Mrs. Ditchwater	Lydia Rachel
Mrs. Bodish	Mabel Henry
Miss Bugle	Verre Gerald
Miss Cecelia Flanders	George Howard
Gwendoline Tidmarsh	Lucia De Winton
Miss Marjory Seaton	Faith Reynolds
Janet	Ethel Hollingshead
Hannah	

Charles Hawtrey and his company of English players opened the season at the Criterion Theatre last Wednesday evening, presenting for the first time in America F. Anstey's comedy, *The Man from Blankley's*. The play enjoyed a great success in London, and many rumors of its success came from time to time to this shore. For that reason the large first-night audience was predisposed in favor of the comedy, and gave to it a hearty welcome—similar to the welcome that Mr. Hawtrey himself received from New York playgoers when he made his first appearance here two seasons ago.

The Man from Blankley's fulfilled every promise that had been made for it by its British sponsors. It is a bright and cheerful thing, full of human nature turned to humorous purposes, sparkling with wit, and yet sound as the majority of problem plays in its presentation of types of character. Of course these types are exaggerated, but each is based firmly upon reality. The characters that all the plays are like the pictures by the late George H. Maurier in *Punch*. So true to life are they that one recognizes the types instantly, and at the same time is made to realize, perhaps for the first time, the drollery of their various characteristics. There is really far more genuine knowledge of humanity evidenced in *The Man from Blankley's* than is displayed in any half-dozen of the picture-book, romantic plays of the period.

The plot of the comedy is simple to the point of silliness, and in less skillful hands than Mr. Anstey's it would doubtless have reached the vanishing point long before the final curtain. But Mr. Anstey has arranged his incidents so cleverly that not for a moment is there a lapse in interest, and the culmination of the story is held in reserve until the last moment. The tale unfolded in the performance is merely this: Mr. and Mrs. Montague Tidmarsh, of the stolid, commercial middle class of England, give an elaborate dinner in honor of the wife's rich uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Gilwattle. Finding that there will be thirteen at the table, they are obliged to hasten to the "dressing room" for the occasion. Blankley provides such persons at a guinea the evening. As the company is about to go down to dinner Lord Strathpeffer appears, and is supposed by the host and hostess to be the man from Blankley's. As a matter of fact, Strathpeffer, who is something of an Egyptologist, has been invited to dine with a scientist, whom he has never seen, and who lives in the next door, and in the fog he has wandered into the wrong house. At the Tidmarshs he finds Marjory Seaton, an old acquaintance, acting in the capacity of governess. Through the long dinner Strathpeffer, believing himself in the house of the scientist, strives to be agreeable, and Mrs. Tidmarsh, believing him to be a hired guest, treats him as a servant. The complications are innumerable and are intensely amusing. At the last, when the tangle has got to a hopeless state, the identity of Lord Strathpeffer is proved, to the amusement of the hostess, and the little love story of the play is brought to a happy termination by Strathpeffer proposing to and being accepted by Miss Seaton.

The scene of the first act is the drawing-room of the Tidmarshs' house in Leadenhall Square, Bay of Water, wherein assembles the strange company of dinner guests. The second act takes place in the dining-room. There is a large, round dining table, perfectly appointed, in the centre, and through nearly the entire act the characters sit at this table and eat what appears to be a real dinner of several courses. With scarcely any action the interest of the audience is held captive by the dialogue alone—though realism is sacrificed by the necessary expedient of letting the audience hear conversations between the characters that are presumably not heard by others at the table. The last act is again in the drawing-room. The entire action takes place in exactly the time covered by the actual performance.

But however humorous the lines and however craftmanlike the construction of the comedy, it is, after all, the splendid acting of every member of the company that makes the little piece a delight. Mr. Hawtrey himself has but a modest role, comparatively, for a star, and his generosity in this respect is as commendable as it is unusual. As Lord Strathpeffer he is, to employ a sadly misused term, a perfect gentleman. His impersonation might well serve as an illustrated lecture on deportment. No matter how embarrassing the situation Strathpeffer surmounts it quietly and courteously. Mr. Hawtrey's ease of manner, aristocratic bearing and naturalness of speech and gesture were abundantly displayed in impersonation. He was in turn, as occasion demanded, finely humorous, manly, tender and sympathetic.

With but one exception the supporting players were in character roles, and so admirable were their portrayals that to best praise the player one need only describe the role. The one "straight" part was that of Marjory Seaton, a girl once wealthy but through ill fortune brought to the position of governess. This character was charmingly portrayed by Alice De Winton, whose beauty and air of gentle breeding made her an ideal heroine of the pretty love story. Fred Thorne as Mr. Tidmarsh was in appearance, manner and bearing exactly the sort of a vacillating, snobbish, silly little cad that Mrs. Tidmarsh's henpecked husband might be expected to be. Henry Kemble was Gabriel Gilwattle, the rich old uncle, a Radical, a gruff denouncer of the aristocracy, yet ready to fawn and toady when he met a real lord. A capital performance was Mr. Kemble's. Equally good were E. A. Plumptre as Mr. Toomer, a nervous little man whose conversation was entirely about maladies of various kinds; Holman Clark as Jeremiah Ditchwater, a lean, sanctimonious person to whom life was a perpetual sorrow; Henry Stephenson as Nathaniel Bodish, an elderly merchant with a taste for science and a custom of stating strange but uninteresting facts; Herbert Ross as Mr. Poffey, a hare-brained clerk with a strong belief in his social qualities and with a vile habit of quoting jests from the comic papers and invariably missing the point; and Arthur Playfair as Daves, a haughty butler who has condescended to serve for one evening only in a middle class household.

Fanny Brough, as Mrs. Tidmarsh, had really the most important character in the comedy, and her performance made it one of the most delightfully humorous that the local stage has known in many a day. Mrs. Tidmarsh has social aspirations. Had she been born in a better circle of society she would have been a leader of fashion. As it is, she strives heroically to do the right thing, and succeeds only in doing the wrong. A very human character this—just a bit pathetic and hugely funny. Miss Brough's impersonation was a masterpiece of character delineation. Maud Shelton as Mrs. Gilwattle, Lydia Rachel as Mrs. Ditchwater, and Mabel Henry as Miss Bugle, and

Verre Gerald as Cecelia Flanders all deserve praise in full measure. Beatrice Terry, who played little Gwendoline Tidmarsh, was a most welcome stage child. She was a real child—natural, quaint, lovable, graceful in her poses and with an unusually fine manner of speech. Faith Reynolds and Ethel Hollingshead played the roles of Jane and Hannah, maid servants, in very creditable fashion.

As has already been intimated the comedy was admirably mounted, and the stage management was perfect.

Herald Square—Captain Dieppe.

Comedy in three acts by Anthony Hope and Harrison Rhodes. Produced Sept. 14.

Captain Dieppe	John Drew
Andres	George Howard
Faith Reynolds	Charles Lane
Father Alphonsus	Louis Baker
Guillaume Sevier	Sydney Herbert
Carbone	O. Kane Hollis
Robert	Robert Schable
Countess Lucia	Margaret Dale
Emilia	Ethel Hornick
Madam Sevier	Allison Skipworth
Lisetta	Constance Bell

The opening for the season of the Herald Square Theatre, the reappearance of John Drew, and the initial performance of a comedy entitled *Captain Dieppe*, occurred simultaneously Tuesday evening. The occasion was sufficiently important to attract a very large audience of polite playgoers, who smiled amiably as they entered the theatre and as they departed from it—and, between whiles, smiled and applauded frequently and genuinely in appreciation of the performance. Neither the star nor the play won a triumph, but together they provided a very charming, well-bred entertainment.

Though described on the programme as a new and original comedy by Anthony Hope and Harrison Rhodes, *Captain Dieppe*, as a matter of fact, a dramatization of a novelette by Mr. Hope that was published some years ago. However, it has few of the faults commonly found in dramatizations, and is quite well enough built to stand alone. It is artificial—as are most of Mr. Hope's stories and plays—in the introductory proposition. The circumstances in which the characters find themselves at the outset are preposterous; but once the auditor has consented to accept them as possible and real he finds much to amuse him in the entanglements of which they are the basis. The dialogue is terse, witty and, as far as may be, natural. The situations are cleverly brought about, and the construction is, upon the whole, excellent.

The first act takes place in the drawing-room of the Castle of Fieramondi, in Italy. At once it is made clear that the Countess Emilia is at outs with her husband, Count Andres; that she is indebted to Paul de Roustache, a Blackleg, for twenty thousand francs that she borrowed from him to pay gambling debts at Monte Carlo; that she must needs go to a neighboring city to borrow money to pay this debt, and that during her absence her friend, the Countess Lucia d'Orano, is to hide the fact that she is away by pretending, when occasion demands, to be Countess Emilia. This proposed ruse seems, to a degree, practicable, since the Count and Countess have agreed never to see each other and to keep to their own rooms in the castle. The drawing-room is to belong to the husband and wife at alternate hours during the day. To this house of entanglements come Captain Dieppe, a political fugitive from Paris, who by his dashing, attractive manner gains the friendship of the Count, and is invited by him to make the Castle of Fieramondi his home. The host explains to his guest the peculiar conditions that exist in the household, and tells him that the only woman on the premises is the Countess, his wife. Presently Captain Dieppe and Lucia meet and become instantly interested in each other. The Captain, of course, believes Lucia to be Andres's wife, and she, fearing to betray the secret of her friend, and also finding rough enjoyment in the situation, does not undeceive him.

In the second act, the scene of which is a hill-side near the castle, and the time evening, Captain Dieppe encounters an agent of the French Government, Guillaume Sevier, who has come to obtain from the Captain, by fair means or foul, certain papers of great political value. Sevier displays a considerable sum of money, and is promptly assaulted and robbed by his accomplice against the Captain, who is none other than the blackguard Paul de Roustache. Captain Dieppe is a witness to the robbery, and while Sevier lies unconscious he compels Paul to hand over to him the stolen pocketbook. The debt of the Countess to Paul has been explained to the Captain by Lucia, who has asked his aid in the matter, and that resourceful gentleman pays the

CURRENT AMUSEMENTS

Week ending September 26.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Charles Warner in *Drink*—2d week—9 to 10 times.
AMERICAN—Jim Hinds.
BELLEVILLE—Blanche Bates in *The Darling of the Gods*—2d week—6 to 13 times.
BIJOU—William Collier in *Personal*—4th week—21 to 28 times.
BROADWAY—James T. Powers in *A Princess of Kensington*—4th week—22 to 32 times.
CARNegie—Musical Entertainments.
CASINO—The Runaways—20th week—140 to 146 times.
CIRCLE—Vaudeville.
CRITERION—Charles Hawtrey in *The Man from Blankley's*—2d week—6 to 12 times.
CRYSTAL GARDENS—Vaudeville.
DALLS—Three Little Maids—4th week—25 to 29 times.
DEWEY—Fay Foster Burlesquers.
EDEN MUSEE—Figures in Wax and Vaudeville.
EMPIRE—Closed.
FOURTEENTH STREET—Andrew Mack in *Arrah-Na-Pogue*—3d week—18 to 25 times.
GARDEN—Ulysses—2d week—8 to 14 times.
HARRIS—Vivian's Pans—6th week—47 to 54 times.
GRAND OPERA—Back to Back.
HARLEM OPERA HOUSE—Henry E. Dixey in *Facing the Music*.
HERALD SQUARE—John Drew in *Captain Dieppe*—2d week—7 to 13 times.
HURTIG AND SEAMON'S—Vaudeville.
IRVING PLACE—German Drama.
KEITH'S UNION SQUARE—Vaudeville.
KNICKERBOCKER—Rogers Brothers in *London*—3d week—15 to 21 times.
LION PALACE—Vaudeville.
LONDON—Belly and Wood's Company.
MADISON SQUARE—My Wife's Husbands—3th week—40 to 45 times.
MADISON SQUARE GARDEN—Cummings' Indian Congress—2d week.
MADISON SQUARE ROOF GARDEN—Closed.
MAJESTIC—The Wizard of Oz—30th week—281 to 288 times.
MANHATTAN—Mrs. Fluke in *Mary of Magdala*—2d week—112 plus 8 to 14 times.
MENDELSSOHN HALL—Musical Entertainments.
METROPOLIS—The Heart of Maryland.
METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE—Closed.
MINER'S ROWLEY—Rice and Barton's Burlesquers.
MINER'S EIGHTH AVENUE—Rose Sydell's London Belles.
MRS. OSBORN'S PLAYHOUSE—Closed.
MURRAY HILL—Edward Harrigan in *Under Cover*—2d week—9 to 16 times.
NEW GRAND—Henry H. Hays.
NEW STAR—New York Life.
NEW YORK—Ben Hur—1st week—1 to 8 times.
OLYMPIC—Mersey Maidens Burlesquers.
ORPHEUM—Vaudeville.
PARADISE ROOF GARDENS—Closed.
PASTOR'S—Vaudeville.
PEOPLES—Hebrew Drama.
PRINCESS—Lawrence D'O'Grady in *The Earl of Paget*—27th week—45 plus 101 plus 15 to 21 times.
PROCTOR'S FIFTH AVENUE—Nancy Hanks.
PROCTOR'S FIFTY-EIGHTH STREET—Shadows of a Great City.
PROCTOR'S TWENTY-THIRD STREET—Vaudeville.
PROCTOR'S 125th STREET—Lady Audley's Secret.
ST. NICHOLAS GARDEN—Closed.
SAVOY—Mrs. Langtry in *Mrs. Deering's Divorce*—3d week—15 to 21 times.
TERRACE GARDEN—Closed.
THALIA—Hebrew Drama.
THIRD AVENUE—The Great White Diamond.
WALLACE'S—Pecky from Paris—3d week—13 to 20 times.
WEBER AND FIELDS—Announced to open Thursday night, Sept. 24, with *Whoopee-Dee-Dee*.
WEST END—The Girl and the Judge.
WINDSOR—Hebrew Drama.
VICTORIA—Blanche Ring in *The Jersey Lily*—2d week—9 to 16 times.

debt with part of the money that he has just taken from the thief. He explains his right to do this by saying that the French Government owes him fifty thousand francs. The Captain has also been asked by the Count to effect a reconciliation between himself and Countess Emilia, and he still supposes Lucia to be the wife, makes a strong plea to that mischievous young woman on behalf of his host. So earnest does he become in his John Alden-like love making that presently he kisses the supposed Emilia—and this career is witnessed by Madame Sever, wife of the French agent. Now appears the real Countess Emilia, whose carriage has broken down on her return journey, and who is therefore obliged to walk to the castle. The Captain, learning that she is going to the castle, leaps to the conclusion that the Count is mixed up in some scandalous intrigue with this unknown and beautiful woman, and he pledges himself with renewed fire to the service of her whom he supposes to be a sadly wronged wife.

The third act is again in the drawing room of the castle. The Count and Countess have been reconciled, and upon the appearance of Captain Dieppe they expect to receive his cordial congratulations. To their astonishment the Captain treats them both coldly, and, being alone for a moment with the Countess, he accuses her of being a shameless intruder in her own home. To still further complicate matters Madame Sever tells the Count that she saw the Captain kiss the Countess. The Captain suddenly learns who is who, and very adroitly puts Madame Sever and her husband to rout, straightens out the difficulties of the Count and Countess again, and as the curtain falls makes it plain that he intends to pay vigorous court on his own behalf to the sprightly Lucia.

The role of Captain Dieppe is admirably suited to the personality and talents of Mr. Drew, and his impersonation was altogether delightful. His buoyant manner, agile movement, ease and composure—long familiar to playgoers—were capably brought forward in the comedy. He was John Drew. It is true, but John Drew at his best. George Howard, as Andrea, played a rather mawkish role in fairly capable fashion. Charles Lane was an excellent Paul de Roustache. Sydney Herbert gave a fine study of character in the role of Sever, and Louis Baker was an agreeable Father Alphonse.

Margaret Dale, as the Countess Lucia, played with charming girlish vivacity and charm. In appearance she was most attractive, and in all respects she was a heroine to be admired. Ethel Hornick made the indiscreet Countess Emilia a handsome, graceful stage figure, and her acting was sprightly and intelligent. Alison Skipworth's performance as Madame Sever was all times excellent, and in the last act splendid. The minor roles were acceptably played, the stage management was admirable, and the mounting was in good taste.

Academy—Drink.

Melodrama in six acts by Charles Reade. Produced Sept. 14.

Coupeau	Charles Warner
Lautier	Gordon Bailey
Goguet	Herbert Bunston
Poisson	Robert C. Turner
Mrs. Bottes	Alfred Phillips
Bibi	Robert C. Turner
Bec Sall	James W. Mullin
Jacques	Charles Walters
Pierre	Colombe
Pierre	Harry Sefton
Adolphe	Henry Martin
Virginie	Marion Harrison
Little Nana	Vivian Martin
Madame Rouge	Jennie Reiffarth
Phoebe Sage	Jennie Buckle
Juliette	Edith Bowman
Dolphine	Janetie Martin
Louise	Kate Hester
Gervaise	Lucy Wilson Bailey

Charles Warner, the noted English actor, whose fame had preceded him to America by many years, made his first appearance here on last Monday evening at the Academy of Music, in Charles Reade's melodrama entitled *Drink*, with which play the actor's name has long been prominently associated in Great Britain. From the large audience, that was composed to a considerable extent of the better class of playgoers, Mr. Warner received a cordial welcome. His performance was followed with intense interest, and after each of his great scenes he was called again and again before the curtain. Rarely has a foreign actor been welcomed here with more genuine friendliness.

The story of *Drink*, taken from Emile Zola's novel, "L'Assommoir," is not unfamiliar to American playgoers, since it has served as the foundation for several plays presented in this country during the past twenty-five years. The Charles Reade version has proved a wonderfully successful vehicle for Mr. Warner, he having appeared in it in England more than three thousand times. It has come to be regarded here as a melodramatic classic. The reason for its success in England is very apparent. The moral is so strongly presented that it must reach the hearts of the most stolid British workmen, and the suffering wives of these strong-armed and weak-minded persons have, no doubt, saved a bit regularly from the weekly wage in order to give their husbands the benefit of a few object lessons. For this particular purpose the play is perfectly built. As an entertainment it is gruesome, but fascinating. It hammers at one's sympathies and emotions in brutal fashion, yet one rather enjoys the drubbing.

The main theme of the play has to do with the gradual degradation, through drink, of a jovial, good-hearted workman, Coupeau. At the outset he is the generous friend of Gervaise, whom he protects from her drunken husband. Later he marries her, gaining thus the ill-will of Virginie, a particularly cruel adventuress. Never once through the story does Coupeau do an unkind act intentionally, nor does he willingly yield to bibulous temptations. He is the victim of the villain, the villainess and circumstances. Drink pursues him, cripples him, overthrows him, and at the last he dies of delirium tremens.

During its long service on the stage the play seems to have been stripped of all unnecessary adornment. There is nothing left but the bare, hideous truth. On that account it strikes one as crude, yet it is all the stronger on that very account. Surprising thing about the performance of Mr. Warner and his company is that little attempt is made to preserve the French atmosphere that the scenes and the story demand. While the entire action occurs in Paris the speech and manner of every player is distinctly and decidedly English. It may be that this Anglicizing of the characters has been done in order to bring the moral closer to the heart of the British workman, but to an American audience it seems strangely incongruous.

Mr. Warner's Coupeau is a stage figure that stands with Joseph Jefferson's Rip Van Winkle and James O'Neill's Monte Cristo. Another Coupeau would appear a hollow sham. In the early scenes Mr. Warner presents most effectively a careless, sturdy fellow, clean of heart, buoyant of spirit and thoroughly lovable. In a gay little domestic scene with Gervaise, now his wife, and their small daughter, Nana, he showed a bright, boyish spirit of fun coupled with tenderness that reminded one of Fritz Emmet at his best. Later, in the wine shop, when drink gets its first strong hold upon him, the actor showed with marvelous accuracy the gradual mental and physical effect of the liquor. The realism of this episode was startling and rather terrifying. At the last Coupeau has just returned from the hospital, where he has been treated for alcoholism. He is prematurely old, broken, bloated, with nervous, twitching hands and dulled mind. He has been ordered to drink claret, but the villainess gives him brandy instead. He takes one swallow, realizes the danger, and fights as best he can against it. But it is a hopeless battle. Coupeau drains the flask. For a second his body straightens, his old strength returns. Then suddenly he raves, then falls to babbling of old scenes, then weeps, shrieks in horror at hideous visions, then sinks dying, clutching pitifully at the boards of the stage. A more awful piece of realism than Mr. Warner's acting of this last scene cannot be imagined. It is as ghastly as Richard Mansfield's Hyde, Jacob Adler's Idiot, and John Blair's O-

wald in *Ghosts* rolled into one. The actor held his audience spellbound with terror.

With but few exceptions the players in Mr. Warner's supporting company are not above mediocrity. Herbert Bunston as Goguet, a temperance man, played in strong, honest, manly fashion and made the character very human. Gordon Bailey sadly overacted the role of the villain, Lautier. Lucy Wilson Bailey was a very pathetic and appealing Gervaise, womanly, tender and always natural. Zelina Harrington played Virginie with conventional melodramatic exaggeration. Jennie Reiffarth as Madame Rouge did an exceptionally creditable bit of character work. Jennie Buckle was a sprightly and attractive Phoebe Sage, and Vivian Martin played Little Nana with childish charm. The play was fairly well mounted and there were some effective groupings and stage pictures.

Victoria—The Jersey Lily.

Musical comique in two acts. Book and lyrics by George V. Hobart and others; music by Reginald De Koven and others. Produced Sept. 14.

Lilandra	Blanche Ring
Rose	Maudie Raymond
Senorita Marquita	Rose Beaumont
Sara De Vries	Aida Hemmi
Estelle De Vries	Reine Davies
Flora De Vries	Harriet Burt
Gwendolyn	Rose Evelyn Gibson
Dr. Bolivar	Billy B. Van
Edna	Don Pedro
Don Pedro	James Harrison
Lieutenant Edgar Jefferson	Billie Taylor
Ramon Bourgeois	Joe Kane
Max Bennett	William Cameron
Vonbach	Veronica
Paul	Wilfred Gerdes
Bill Dawson	Arthur Arthur
Pretty Polly	George All
Don Pedro	Joseph
John	Charles Wentz
James	Wheeler Earl
Joseph	Cecil Summers
Anthony	Milo Jopce

The *Jersey Lily*, produced at Hammerstein's Victoria last week, was announced as the joint work of George V. Hobart and Reginald De Koven, but it may as well be stated at once that the only real song hit in the piece was an interpolated number, written and composed by those really clever men, William Jerome and Jean Schwartz. It is called "Biddie," and is an Irish "lilt" that is bound to become popular and be whistled long after *The Jersey Lily* has fallen into "innocuous desuetude."

The "comique" is the medium used by George W. Lederer for the reappearance of Blanche Ring as a quasi-star. Mr. Lederer's name topped the bill, and the important fact that he was "It," with a capital I, having been duly impressed upon an anxious public, the announcement appeared that Mr. Lederer was introducing "Blanche Ring in *The Jersey Lily*." Miss Ring ought to feel thoroughly at home in New York by this time. She is a clever young woman, pretty, graceful and talented, and is thoroughly well able to "introduce" herself. It seems a pity that she should have had to bear the double burden of two such colossal fizzes as *The Blonde in Black*, that flickered for a few weeks last season at the Knickerbocker, and the present offering, which, aside from the work of Miss Ring and the song "Biddie," is about as stupid a thing as has ever been offered at a first-class theatre in this city.

The scene of the first act is laid on the Isle of Jersey in the English Channel, though the plot and dialogue would lead an unsuspecting observer to imagine that the participants were born and bred in Hoboken in the Jersey that is nearer New York. Miss Ring appears as Lilandra, sometimes called "The Jersey Lily." As nearly as could be gathered from the jumble, she has returned to her native place, after making a conquest of France as a prima donna. She is followed by several suitors, but her hand has already been promised to one Doctor Bolivar, who is a horse doctor and Mayor of the town in which the scene is laid. There is a good deal of luscious talk, and much singing, and then all hands run over to the Frivolity Theatre in Trouville, where more songs are sung and much horse play is indulged in. The usual three hours having been consumed, all hands line up and join in the finale, with Miss Ring in the centre, strongly emphasized by a white calcium. To complete the picture, Mr. Lederer should have placed on a dais, surrounded by the chorus girls, as there must have been a number of people present who the champion "introducer" of the profession.

Miss Ring proved so decidedly superior to her surroundings, that one could not help feeling sorry for her. She worked hard, sang well, acted gracefully and made a personal hit of the most pronounced sort. Louis Harrison was the only member of the supporting company that was above the level of mediocrity, and he had very little to do. George All as a parrot, was amusing for a few moments. Billy B. Van, whose methods are all right in the cheap burlesque houses, was entirely out of his element on Broadway. Billie Taylor, as a naval officer, sang quite well, and if he had had catchy songs would probably have scored a hit. Maudie Raymond, who gave permission to come on whenever she liked and say whatever happened to occur to her. She did a specialty in the second act on the order of those with which she used to delight the patrons of Tony Pastor's. Rose N. Beaumont danced very cleverly, and Aida Hemmi showed her voice to advantage. D. L. Don had a conventional Dutch character, but by his gymnastic acrobatics he helped "Biddie" to win several encores. William Cameron worked with energy, and his terpsichorean efforts were well received. There was a large chorus of girls who changed their costumes frequently. One of the numbers was devised and staged by Gertrude Hoffman, the songs and music having been written and composed by Max Hoffman. It was a pleasing little affair, and was quite well done by Miss Hoffman and Mr. Taylor, but whatever success it achieved cannot be credited to Messrs. Hobart and De Koven, who were supposed to be responsible for the "comique."

To sum it all up, Mr. Hobart's book is very bad, and Mr. De Koven's music is utterly unworthy of the composer of *Robin Hood*.

Grand Opera House—No Wedding Bells for Her.

Melodrama by Theodore Kremer in four acts. Produced Sept. 14.

Edward Hammond	J. McDowell
Mildred Hammond	Fanny McDowell
Little Bessie Hammond	Bert Abbott
Charles Morgan	Frank Rollston
Paddy Sullivan	Willie Fink
George Miller	Charles Macklin
Frank Markle	Blanche Crozier
Nellie Wilbur	Mart J. Cody
John Anderson	Guy T. Bennett
Mrs. Gretchen Hammerstein	Louise Bryant
James Pierson	Edith Abbott
Madam Fernand	Fanny
Fernand	H. M. Young
Kirlich	E. T. Wade

No Wedding Bells for Her, a four-act melodrama by Theodore Kremer, was played for the first time in New York at the Grand Opera House on Sept. 14, and continued during the week to good business. The play is full of startling climaxes and is thoroughly interesting in its special class. Although the situations are full of action, and although there are many times when lives are saved and lives taken, the display of dramas is very limited. Of course the whole thing is illogical and overdrawn, and the story full of incongruities. Yet there is enough in it to please the average auditor. It is a little different from the usual slap-bang melodrama, because of plot, unreal and exaggerated. One distinctive feature is the opportunity given a boy and a girl to make the most of parts that really are as important as those of the principals. This boy and girl are on the stage a good part of the time, and many of the lines fall to their lot. They do well simply to remember so much as actors, considering the fact that they cannot be much over ten years of age.

The story is laid around the great coal famine

of a year ago. At the bottom is the love of an unscrupulous man for a good, beautiful and pure girl. Of course, Charles Morgan, the unscrupulous partner of Edward Hammond, a millionaire mine owner, is in love with Mildred Hammond, the daughter of his partner—at least he covets her and at the same time a number of millions of dollars which would come to him through the marriage. But Mildred, with all the perversity of womankind, loves George Miller, a foreman in her father's mine. The miners go on strike. Miller is chosen their leader, and Morgan uses this fact to get Miller out of his path. At the same time there is a second pair of lovers in the persons of John Anderson, an employee at the mine, and Nellie Wilbur. Morgan seduces the Wilbur girl, drugs her, betrays her and then lays the blame on Miller, the lover of Miss Hammond. A separation of both pairs of lovers ensues. Miller is discharged from the mine, a strike follows, and a lot of fanatics are hired by an accomplice of Morgan's to incite a riot. This succeeds and the house of Hammond is assailed, but harm is prevented by the prompt action of Miller, who opportunely appears on the scene. A number of complications follow and in the end the accomplices of Morgan tell the truth and the lovers are reunited and all ends happily except for Morgan and his accomplices, who change in a fight during which both are shot and killed.

The production was staged fairly well, a scene in a mine being good, and a reception in the Hammond home being unusually well represented. There were no elaborate effects or setting except in the first scene, where the colliery is shown.

Frank Rollston as Charles Morgan was an excellent villain—not of the blood and thunder type, but cool, unscrupulous and scheming. His representation was excellent. Fanny McIntyre infused just the right amount of ardor into her role as Mildred Hammond. Her speeches were well delivered and her attitudes of scorn and supplication well placed and sincere. There were a number of other parts that were deserving as far as they went. Charles Macklin filled the role of George Miller in a manly spirit and with stately dignity. Baby Abbott and Master Willie Fink contributed in a great measure to the enjoyment of the play and won warm appreciation. Blanche Crozier as Nellie Wilbur displayed emotional ability which promises much for her. She was the exemplification of a sweet young girl, tenderly torn from the best in life, and deserted by her sweetheart. Mart J. Cody, J. McDowell, Guy T. Bennett and Louise Bryant were good in their parts. This week, Rachel Goldstein is the bill at this house.

Metropolis—A Great Temptation.

Melodrama in four acts by Owen Davis. Produced Sept. 14.

Don Spencer	Theodore Friebs
Hugh Guthrie	Charles Harringer
Red	Will E. Sheerer
Garrett Willoughby	Will E. Sheerer
Enstace Pugin	Harry G. Stafford
Gideon	William Martin
Jim Crawford	John D. Robinson
Joe Roney	Peter Koehl
P. Shelby Smith	Charles Brown
Pete	Walter T. Warren
Bill	William F. O'Sullivan
Joe	William F. O'Sullivan
Cecily Willoughby	C. Blanche Rice
Adams	Jane Dore
Octavia	Joie Robinson
Ellis James	Mary Keir

Owen Davis' latest melodrama, *A Great Temptation*, in four acts, was presented at the Metropolis last week under the management of Forrester and Mittenhalt.

The hero of the play is Don Spencer, a professional gambler from New Orleans. Steamboat travel on the Mississippi River and characteristic episodes along its banks are illustrated in the play. The opening scene occurs on board a river packet on which Don Spencer is making a trip. Among his fellow passengers is Garrett Willoughby, an old Southerner, accompanied by his daughter, Cecily. Between the daughter and Spencer an acquaintance immediately springs up. She tells him that her father has been ruined by gambling, having nothing left of a large property but a small plantation, to which they are now going to make their home and live as best they can in poverty. Spencer declares his love for her and she begs him to keep her father from gambling away the little money they have remaining. The old man, however, is lured into a game with a couple of swindlers and plays until he loses not only all his money but his plantation also, thereupon Don Spencer steps in and, taking his place in the game, wins everything back and restores it to Cecily. The baffled villain, who made to disguise these facts, tries to kill Spencer when he goes ashore, but shoot the old man by mistake instead. They then capture the girl and hide her in a limestone cave; she is rescued by her lover, who tracks her thither, thoroughly exploring the cave and in his search discovering that the ground is very rich in lead and that Cecily's plantation is therefore immensely valuable. The ruffians are run to earth and are disposed of, and Cecily and Spencer are married.

Theodore Friebs, as Don Spencer, filled the role of the chivalrous gambler with sympathetic skill. He is quiet, self-possessed, has distinction of manner and the easy deliberation of delivery with which he emphasized his lines, together with a humorous assurance that added point and agency to his impermanent combinations, to make a notable piece of work. The Garrett Willoughby of Will E. Sheerer was also a pleasing effort, full of interesting detail. Don Harold as Red Mike Leary won applause by his excellent comedy. William Martin as Gideon made a capital darkey. Joie Robinson Haywood as Octavia gave a very diverting sketch of a colored "mammy."

C. Blanche Rice made a good impression by her felicitous portrayal of Cecily Willoughby. Mary Klein was pleasing as Ella James, and the other parts were adequately represented. This week, *The Heart of Maryland*.

Belasco—The Darling of the Gods.

Belasco and Long's scenic spectacle of old Japan, *The Darling of the Gods*, reopened at New York last Wednesday night at the renovated Belasco Theatre before a packed and enthusiastic house. Curtain calls were frequent, and at one time the authors of the play and Miss Bates appeared holding one another's hands. The audience not being satisfied Mr. Belasco said, "Ladies and gentlemen: Miss Bates, Mr. Long and I thank you." The heat of the night, the stuffiness of the theatre and the oppression and emotional strain caused by the action of the play went to show more vividly than ever that if it were not for the splendid setting and stage effects and the minute detail of action and good acting, together with the essential and beautiful incidental music by Furst, the performance might become a little tedious. The original cast is practically intact and all the company work as evenly and as smoothly as ever. The house has been beautifully during the summer. The portico, with its lights and new cast system are the most notable additions. Miss Bates as Yo San, Robert T. Haines as Kara, George Arliss as Zakuri, Albert Bruns as Tonda-Tanji, Ada Lewis as Setsu, Mrs. Charles Walcott as Chidori, and the supporting cast acted with all the sincerity which has gone far to make *The Darling of the Gods* one of the most successful and most talked of productions of the day.

Third Avenue—The Great White Diamond.

Walter Fessler's production of *The Great White Diamond* opened a week's engagement at the Third Avenue Theatre on Wednesday afternoon before a good house. The melodrama met with its usual cordial reception, and the railroad scene made a big hit, as always. The company is adequate, those deserving of especial mention being William West as Pietro Landazza, Seth C. Halsey as Robert Thorne, Alban W. Purcell as Judge Brace, Matthew Hanley as Jake Loosdich, John Brenton as Sir Edmund Lancelotti, Florence Hunt as Loin, Anna Martel as Edith Loe, and James Kitts as John Spriggins. Next week, Ben Hendricks in *Ole Olson*.

West End—Zaza.

The West End Theatre continued its very successful season last week with Eugene Blair in *Zaza*, the audience being large and the success of this actress in this well-known play notable. Miss Blair was acceptably supported by a company including Manrice Wilkinson, Frederick Ellis Duff, Harry C. Browne, Leopold Lane, Martin Hardy, Frank Manning, Martin Thurber, Fairfax Gifford, Thomas Burton, Arnold Clarkson, William Marston, Harriet Ross, Katherine De Harry, Lucia F. Huxford, Anna Gariand, Bertha Huntington, Linnie Gee, Maud Curtis, Marion Charlotte Gilbert. This week, *The Girl and the Judge* is the bill.

Star—The Fatal Wedding.

The Harlem people flocked in large numbers last week to see *The Fatal Wedding*, which seems as popular as ever. Thomas Irwin as Howard Wilson gave a manly interpretation of the hero, and Eleanor Churchill played Mabel Wilson with much grace and charm. Walter G. Horton as Robert Curtis and Julia Ralph as Cora Williams were villainous enough to suit the most exacting. Little Cora Quinten as the Little Mother also gave a very clever performance. Gertrude Haynes and her Choir Celestial was a special feature, and their singing made a decided hit. This week *New York Life* is the attraction.

Fifty-eighth Street—Why Women Sin.

Why Women Sin, the melodrama by Will C. Murphy, was creditably presented last week to good houses. The leading roles were in the hands of Lillian Hale Emery, Frank Holland, Miron Leffingwell, Florence Ashbrooke, George Betts, Paul Burns and Little Muriel. The scenery was good and the parts were well played. This week's attraction is *Shadows of a Great City*.

At Other Playhouses.

CASINO.—The Runaways continues. WALLACK'S.—Peggy from Paris attracts large audiences. MAJESTIC.—The Wizard of Oz still holds forth. FOURTEENTH STREET.—Andrew Mack's engagement in *Arrah Na Pogue* has been extended to eight weeks.

ACTORS' CHURCH ALLIANCE NEWS.

National (and Local) Headquarters, Manhattan Theatre Building, Broadway and Thirty-third Street.

The New York Chapter of the Alliance will give a dramatic and musical entertainment at Elmwood, Hunt's Point, N. Y., on Thursday, Sept. 24, by permission of Mrs. Joseph Lee Spofford. The train will leave 129th Street on the N. Y., N. H. and H. R. R. at 2:45 p.m., and returning at 6:15 p.m.

Arthur Forrest has kindly volunteered his services, Cora Williams will sing, Mrs. W. G. Jones, Rosa Rand, and "Aunt Louisa" Eldridge will take part, and Mrs. Whelan and others will contribute several selections. Tickets, including transportation and refreshments, are \$1 each and may be had at the headquarters or at the train.

Proceeds, beyond expenses, will be devoted to the work of the New York Chapter. The Rev. Walter E. Bentley, General Secretary, preached on the Alliance and its aims on Friday evening, Sept. 18, at St. James' Episcopal Church, Fort Edward, N. Y. Rev. Ernest Melville introduced him.

The regular tea was held at the headquarters last Thursday afternoon (Sept. 17). May Louisa Woelher presided, and among those present were Mrs. W. G. Jones, Charles T. Catlin, "Aunt Louisa" Eldridge, Rev. Charles A. Burlighart, Mrs. Claude Hagen, Della Brown, E. H. C. Moran, Camille S. Prescott, Mrs. James Eldridge, Muriel S. C. Moran, May Kintzing, Mrs. J. A. Brown, Rev. F. J. Chay Moran and others.

MARK SMITH DEAD.

Mark Smith, the comic opera baritone and actor—and than whom there were few more popular men in the profession—died at his home in this city on Sept. 20, of dropsy, after an illness of four months. His last engagement was with Babes in Toyland, in Chicago. He was obliged by his illness to retire from the company, and he returned directly to New York. Although his friends knew that he was seriously ill the news of his death came to them as a severe shock.

Mr. Smith came of an old theatrical family and was a son of the noted old actor, Mark Smith. He was born in Mobile, Ala., in 1855, and began singing in public when only eleven years of age. He received his education in France and Italy, becoming master of several languages as well as proficient in vocal and instrumental music. After returning to America he made his first appearance on the regular stage in 1876 as a member of the stock company at McVicker's Theatre, Chicago. His experience there was short but diversified. In 1877 he went again to Europe and sang a season in Italian opera in Russia. Upon his second return to America he joined the company at the Chestnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, and played there many important roles.

In 1880 Mr. Smith was engaged by C. D. Hey for his opera company, and for the next years the baritone sang leading roles in a repertoire of over forty operas with that organization. He next joined Colonel McCaull's company at the Casino, appearing in *The Beggar Student*, *Die Fledermaus*, *The Black Hussar* and other light operas. When Rudolph Aronson assumed control of the Casino Mr. Smith remained there and sang *Ravannes* in *Ermione* during the long run of the opera. He also appeared in *The Sea King*, *Miss Helyett*, and *The Mikado*.

In the production, at Palmer's Theatre, of 1492, Mr. Smith sang the role of Columbus. He then returned to the Casino to play the leading role in *The Rainmaker of Syria*. Subsequently he appeared in *The Algerian* and with De Wolf Hopper's and Ditty Bell's companies. In Mrs. Leach Carter's production of *Zaza* he originated and played for many months the role of Cascart. Later he appeared in New York as Lord Gay-sport in *Dolly Varden*, and, as has been said, his last engagement was in Babes in Toyland in Chicago.

Mr. Smith was a member of the Players' Club and of the Lambs' Club. He is survived by his widow, a son and a daughter.

THE AUGUSTIN DALY ESTATE.

After many and long delays, on account of litigation, the executors of the Augustin Daly estate are at length prepared to make final settlement with the beneficiaries. The value of the estate is found to be far greater than was expected. After all claims are met there will remain a balance of \$184,194. The executors are Mrs. Daly, Joseph F. Daly, and Richard Dorney. They have collected \$352,086, and have disbursed \$367,892.

The chief litigation occurred in England, and involved the ownership of the lease of Daly's Theatre, London. George Edwards took forcible possession of the playhouse, and was sued by Mr. Daly. The case was not decided until after Mr. Daly's death, but the decision was in his favor. Ada Rehan's claim for \$40,000 was admitted and paid in full, but her claim for \$6,000, which she claims is due for salary, is still in dispute.

The executors report that the London theatre has been profitable since they regained possession of it, and the lease of the New York playhouse, together with scenery, furnishings and proper ties was sold to Kline and Felsinger for \$50,000. The "Daly" collection, when sold at auction, brought \$107,726, but of this \$45,400 was for property that belongs to Mrs. Daly. Large sums have also been received by the executors for royalties on plays owned by Mr. Daly.



THEATRES AND MUSIC HALLS.

Keith's Union Square.

Will M. Cressy and Blanche Dayne head the bill, presenting for the first time here a new sketch by Mr. Cressy called "The New Depot." Others are Charlie Case, Foy and Clark, Jessie Couthen in a new monologue, Robert Carter and company in "The Wise Mr. Conn, Wilson and Miss Heloise, Willie Family, Charles Mildare, Lucille Jocelyn, Belle Viola, Crotty Trio, the Breens, Davis and Walker, Edward Boyle, and the biograph are the other numbers.

Tony Pastor's.

The programme includes Johnson, Davenport and Lorella, Hayes and Suits, Allen Shaw, Princess Chingilla and company, Andrew McLeod, Three Madcaps, Barr and Evans, Barry and Wolford, Waldorf and Mendes, Garrity Sisters, Magee and Walsh, Joseph Marty, and the vitagraph. Lloyd and Waitone are an extra attraction.

Proctor's Fifth Avenue.

Nancy Hanks, with Florence Reed, Gerald Griffin, George Friend and others in the cast, is this week's bill. In the olio are Nora Bayes, the Holdsworths, Sam Drane, Trask and Gladden, Wilson and Davis, St. John and Le Ferre, and the kalatechnoscope.

Proctor's Twenty-third Street.

Charles T. Aldrich, the juggling comedian, heads a bill including Edith Helena, James F. Dolan and Ida Lenhart, Sydney Grant, Alice Lewis, Russell and Buckley, Ford Sisters, Needham and Wood, the Barneys, Parker and Alvora, Gangrilla, and the kalatechnoscope.

Proctor's 125th Street.

Lady Audley's Secret is this week's offering by the stock company, with a cast including Paul McAllister, Hudson Liston, Lavinia Shannon and others. The olio embraces Gus Williams, Axtell and Sylva, and the kalatechnoscope.

Circle.

The Imro Fox company, headed by the comic conjuror, is the attraction this week. Ricabona's horses, Sherman and De Forrest, Canfield and Carleton, Colby and Way, Leona Thurber and her hodge boys, William Cahill, Reata Winfield, Fred Zebadie, and the vitagraph make up the programme.

Hurtig and Seamon's.

The entertainers are Howard and Bland, Bailey and Madison, May Duryea and John Kearney, Four Nightingales, Gillett's dogs, Rauschle, Elsie Bernard, the Wilsons, and the vitagraph.

LAST WEEK'S BILLS.

TONY PASTOR'S.—It is seldom that such laughter is heard in a vaudeville house as that which shook the rafters at Pastor's last week during the act of Bailey and Madison, the clever eccentrics, who headed the bill. Their turn is filled with comic surprises and the audience has scarcely time to recover from one spasm before it is thrown into another. These comedians have appeared here several times, but their success last week was greater than ever. Matthews and Harris were a special attraction and scored as usual in Adam the Second. On Thursday afternoon and for the remainder of the week, Matthews and Harris presented a new sketch by Will M. Cressy. It follows Adam the Second very closely, the scene being laid in a far-off land, in which Mr. Matthews arrives by the balloon route, as he did in the other sketch. He meets a woman who imagines he has dropped from the sky, and they have a long conversation at cross purposes. The piece is by no means as funny as Adam the Second. There is very little action in it, and it does not begin to be amusing until just before the end. The finish is good, but the rest of the act will need a good deal of brightening up. Smirl and Kessner, warm favorites at this house, made an emphatic hit in their acrobatic and dancing act, assisted by their clever dog. The Haidabara Trio are good Russian singers and dancers. Mary Madden won applause for her work, which is above the average. The Kumins Trio, including the bright little boy, repeated their hit in The Bogus Count. Others were the Sharples, the De Muths, Mooney and Holbein, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Shaw, Benetta and Belair, Mr. and Mrs. S. Irving Boydell in A Shocking Affair, and Professor Donar. The vitagraph had new views.

KEITH'S UNION SQUARE.—Nirvana, with her trained horse, in living pictures, and the Werner-Amoros Troupe, continued their engagements and met with much favor. George Wilson had a good line of talk that won many laughs. Blockson and Burns were immensely amusing in their eccentric act, to which they have added new tricks. Monroe, Mack and Lawrence kept the house in roars with How to Get Rid of Your Mother-in-Law, which is full of action. The Tobins scored a big hit in their exceedingly dainty and refined musical specialty. Everything connected with the act from the costumes to the selections shows good taste and good judgment. Purcell and Brooks were successful in A Bell Boy's Troubles. The act has a lot of original business in it that is very amusing. Edwin Baker and company presented Mr. Baker's operetta, A Japanese Courtship, a neatly put together offering with very pretty scenery. Cooper and Bailey, a very clever team of colored comedians, had some excellent material which they used to advantage. Robert's clever poodles, Senecal, the foot juggler, St. Stebbins, the card expert, in original tricks; Mellicie and Edith Hart, and the biograph were also in the bill.

PROCTOR'S FIFTH AVENUE.—Florence Reed, who has been absent from the cast for several weeks, made her reappearance, and was given a welcome that showed how popular she is with the regular patrons of the house. The play was She Stoops to Conquer, and Miss Reed scored a decided success as Kate Hardcastle. The Tony Lumpkin of George Friend was an excellent bit of work. Gerald Griffin as Hardcastle played with his accustomed skill. Hudson Liston as Sir Charles Marlowe, Alice Gale as Mrs. Hardcastle, Lorna Elliott as Miss Neville, and Loretta Healy as Polly were all good. Frank E. Camp, G. E. Bryant, John Westley, Victor Brown, Leo Hawley, and Al. Roberts were also in the cast. The olio embraced Crollus and St. Alva, Monroe and Marshall, Gladly and Fox, Lawson and Namon,

Heno and Smith, Marion Garson, the sweet singer, and the kalatechnoscope with new views.

PROCTOR'S TWENTY-THIRD STREET.—French Brothers headed the programme and did some wonderful work on bicycles. They are very expert. Isabelle Urphart and company won plenty of laughs with Even Stephen. Charles Leonard Fletcher presented his monologue, which includes several new stories and Mr. Fletcher's famous imitations of actors, which won him much applause. Swan and Bamford, in their funny skit; Gilroy, Hayes and Montgomery, Trask and Gladden, Werden and Gladdish, Curran and Ryan, Slack Sisters, Axtell and Sylva, Carroll and Ellston, Bisset and Wilson, and the kalatechnoscope were the other numbers.

PROCTOR'S 125TH STREET.—Christopher, Jr., was well played by the stock company. Cecylie Mayer was particularly pleasing as Dora, and Paul McAllister appeared to advantage in the title-role. Messrs. Alken, Hawley, Harris, Andrews, Seny, Veszie and Shine, and the Misses Purcell, Alken and Kirker helped materially. Edith Helena displayed her remarkable voice between the acts and was repeatedly encored. The Ford Sisters, Joseph Marty, and the kalatechnoscope were also in the olio.

HURTIG AND SEAMON'S.—Last week, for the first time since their opening, James F. Dolan and Ida Lenhart were seen in The High-Toned Burglar at this house. They were a pronounced hit and their clever comedy work called forth almost continual laughter. Those progressive musicians, Klein, Ott Brothers and Nickerson, offered much that was new and pleasing in the musical line. Their finish, which is exceptionally well rendered, and the idea of the dogs in conjunction with the different national airs is capital. It is certainly the strongest finish ever used by a musical act. Joe Flynn, in his rapid conversational matter, was repeatedly encored, as was also Bertie Fowler in her imitations and monologue. Estelle Wordette and Jules Kusel have a new skit entitled When the Cat's Away, which is brimful of good comedy, and they made the most of it, although on early on the bill. Charles Harris and Nellie Walter were a success in their eccentric work. The Jack Theo Trio, who are new in America, proved a most satisfactory novelty and can be credited with a distinct hit. The Farris Brothers were also applause winners.

CIRCLE.—Troja was seen in Van Tassel Sutherland's monologue, Cherry Blossoms, which was reviewed in this column when it was done at Proctor's some weeks ago. The attraction is still under the direction of Edgar Hart, who has provided very pretty scenery and effects. Will M. Cressy and Blanche Dayne put on their successful act. The Key of C, which made a decided hit. Stuart Barnes, as bright as a new dollar, with a line of up-to-date material, kept the house splendidly amused. Harry C. Stanley and Doris Wilson made their first appearance here since their long absence in Europe and received a warm welcome. Their skit, Before the Ball, is as pleasing as ever, and both performers scored individual hits. A. O. Duncan, one of the few ventriloquists who has a keen sense of humor and a thorough knowledge of what will tickle the fickle fancy of the public, was one of the best liked comedians of the week. He gave a card trick, the barrel-jumping of the Deonsons, Press Eldridge's wheezes, con work by Grant and Grant, and new views by the vitagraph completed an interesting bill.

The Burlesque Houses.

DEWEY.—Tom Miner's Bohemians made their first New York appearance this season, presenting a burlesque in two acts called A Bohemian Beauty, written by George Trotter Smith. The piece is well suited to the taste of the patrons of burlesque, and the funny situations follow one another rapidly. The usual olio is dispensed with and specialties are worked in as part of the piece. Andy Gardner had the leading comedy role of Patsy, and he made the most of his opportunities. Others who did good work were Louise Satour, Ben Wadell, Jeff Bartlett, Louise Anber, Frank Wakefield, Tim Ripier, and Ida Nico. The big hit on the programme was made by Vinnie Henshaw, who has rare talents as a comedienne. Some day some Broadway manager will "discover" her and then we shall hear of her in a better class of work. This week's attraction is the Fay Foster company.

MINER'S BOWERY.—Harry Bryant's Burlesquers drew good houses last week. This week, Rice and Barton's company.

MINER'S EIGHTH AVENUE.—Good sized audiences greeted Jacobs and Lowry's Merry Maidens. This week, Rose Sydel's London Belles.

LONDON.—The High Rollers did well with two burlesques and an olio. This week, Relly and Wood's Big Show.

OLYMPIC.—Harry Williams' Imperial Burlesquers pleased the Harlem people. This week, Merry Maidens.

WHOOPEE DOO POSTPONED.

Owing to the illness of Lillian Russell, the opening of the season at Weber and Fields', which was scheduled for last Thursday evening, was postponed until Thursday evening of this week. As the season at this house has always opened on Thursday, the managers decided to adhere to their custom, although Miss Russell's physician said that the tonsillitis from which she is suffering would probably be cured by Monday. It was hoped up to Thursday afternoon that the prima donna would be able to appear, but her throat did not improve, even under heroic treatment, and rather than produce the piece without her Weber and Fields decided to postpone the opening. This will entail a severe loss, as the company will receive their salaries the same as if the production had already started on its career.

A PLEASANT VACATION.

H. Winifred De Witt has returned to her duties as general manageress of the Chase house, with a stock of health and energy acquired during a long summer vacation spent with friends in the wilds of North Dakota. Miss De Witt was on a large ranch and she revelled in the free life that is characteristic of the plains. Her principal diversion was horseback riding, and she became so expert that she thought nothing of a gallop of fifty miles on a mustang. After this experience the controlling of the wildest and most untamable vaudevillians will be child's play to this clever young woman, who holds a unique place in the theatrical world and fills it in a manner that reflects the utmost credit upon her as a woman of tact and business ability.

INJUNCTION STOPS SINGER.

There was a great hubbub in the Circle Theatre, in this city, on Friday evening last, when a process-server walked down the aisle of the theatre and served an injunction upon Doris Wilson, of Stanley and Wilson, who was delighting the audience with her rendition of "Anona," a new song by Mabel McKinley, who composes under the name of Vivian Grey. The injunction was gotten out by Leo Feist, who is publishing the song, and claims that the singing rights are reserved for Miss McKinley, who is making her reappearance this week at the Orpheum in Brooklyn. The serving of the papers in such a sensational manner caused quite a stir, and considerable confusion resulted, as the audience could not make out what the trouble was. Order was restored in a few minutes, and Mr. Stanley and Miss Wilson continued their sketch without further interruption. "Anona," by the way, is bound to be the successor of Hiawatha, and Mr. Feist is making every effort to protect it so that it may be brought into popularity through the channels he has arranged for it.

DOYLE SAILS AWAY.

When the White Star liner *Majestic* left its pier on Wednesday last, bound for Liverpool, there were a number of friends present to bid Edward Doyle, the enterprising young juggler, good-bye and to wish him a safe voyage. Upon entering his stateroom Mr. Doyle was surprised to find an elegant token of remembrance from his many friends in the form of a beautiful floral hoop with the words "Bon Voyage" inserted in violets and pansies. Among the score of friends who presented the hoop were a few of his minstrel comrades, including Chauncey Holland, James Harold, Eddie Emerson and the Broadway Comedy Four.

THE VALUE OF ONE WORD.

Frederick Melville, the manager of Motogirl, who is now in Berlin and is seeking to enjoy a plagiarist who has an imitation act called Motormadchen, has received a letter from his lawyer conveying valuable information. It seems that if Mr. Melville in filing his copyright in Germany had used the word "Gebrauchsmuster-schutzgegenstand" he would have been fully protected. To pronounce the word without injury to the jawbone Minnow readers are advised to first adjust a baseball mask and then repeat the syllables slowly, one at a time.

BACK IN VAUDEVILLE.

St. Stebbins, the card manipulator, whose "rule" make-up and clever tricks won him popularity in vaudeville some seasons ago, and who retired in order to enter commercial life, has returned to the stage. He was seen at Keith's last week and proved that he had not forgotten how to entertain. Some of his tricks are very mystifying and he has a pleasing manner that puts him in a class by himself.

FOUGERE MURDERED?

A woman named Fougere was murdered at a cottage in Aix les Bains, France, on Sunday, and the murderer is said to have escaped with a very valuable collection of diamonds owned by the victim. The accounts of the affair so far received are somewhat mixed, and it is not known whether the murdered woman is Eugene Fougere, the famous chanteuse, or woman of the same name who lived in the neighborhood.

VAUDEVILLE JOTTINGS.

Carrie Clarke Ward, recently produced A Society Trainer at the Gem Theatre, Peak's Island, Me., which was specially written for her, and which had its initial production in Chicago last season. Miss Ward is satisfied that she has a positive success in this comedy sketch. The criticism of the press was that the sketch is original and replete with bright and clever comedy lines and situations. Miss Ward is occupied arranging for his permanent production in vaudeville.

Newell and Nihil are meeting with success with their new act. They have done away with all the novelty instruments and are playing only violins, saxophones and xylophones and are doing the entire act in one. They are also using an elaborate uniform instead of the conventional evening dress.

Charles Leonard Fletcher has in preparation a realistic impersonation of Charles Warner, the famous actor, in his marvellous act of *Costume in Drink*, and will introduce it during his engagement at Keith's in October. Mr. Fletcher had the opportunity of studying Mr. Warner's work while in London last winter.

Sydney Grant has signed a contract to play one of the leading roles in *The Fortune Hunters*, in which the Hawthorne Sisters will star. He will be missed from the vaudeville theatres for the entire season, that is, if the Fortune Hunters is the season time.

The season of Sunday night concerts will be inaugurated at the Metropolitan Theatre on Sept. 27. Manager Rosenberg has secured a number of headliners and will make special efforts to please his patrons in his season.

Dorothy Morton has had several large offers from European variety and musical comedy managers for the coming season and may decide to remain in Europe indefinitely.

The Grand Opera Trio are at present in Milan, Italy, and will return to America to open at Hurtig and Seamon's the latter part of October. They have a season of thirty weeks booked in vaudeville.

Charles E. Welch, the humorist, will not open his season until January 4, when, with a brand new monologue, he will play the Lyceum Theatre in Syracuse with the Eastern circuit to follow. He is now rewriting McKelvey's *Twins* for W. B. McCallum, which with a big musical comedy entitled *The Dreamer*, to be played with Shubert Brothers, will keep him occupied until the new year. The season time he has written in Mississippi, a melodrama, and a new version of *Zig Zag Alley* for Zeb and Zarrow, besides furnishing material to Lewis and Ryan, Maud Hath, Jack Raymond, Newburgh, an electrician employed at Clark, Rome and Ferguson, Low Hawkins, and Carson and Willard.

Bedini and Arthur have canceled their engagement with The Jersey Lily, and will open again in vaudeville in a few days on the Frontier circuit.

Ned Wayburn's Minstrel Misses are booked on the Proctor circuit, beginning Nov. 16.

Everhardt, the famous hoop roller, is ill at his home and will not take up his vaudeville work until Sept. 28, when he opens in Cincinnati.

M. S. Benham is now looking for the Grand Opera House and Star Theatre Sunday concert.

Bailey and Madison have postponed their European tour for at least five weeks.

The New Orpheum Music Hall on 125th Street, which was opened on Sept. 5, was formerly dedicated on Thursday evening, Sept. 18. Last week's bill included Edmund Hayes and co., Bertie Reynolds, Magee and Walsh, Radeo Furman and Rita Redmond, who headed the two large musical numbers on the bill. The headliners remain the same this week.

Hayward and Hayward opened with the *Corse* Payton Stock No. 2 on Sept. 21 at Gloucester, N. Y. to do specialties between acts. They will also do their new act in one, entitled *Married Life a Failure*.

Abbas Ben Omar and La Belle Morquie, in a dancing specialty, called *A Scene in the Orient* at Evening, were among the headliners at Watson's Theatre, Brooklyn, week of Sept. 7. They have appeared in Baltimore, Washington, at Keith's, Boston, and in other houses, and it is said that their turn has proved an original and pleasing entertainment.

Whistling Tom Brown is now on a tour of the Orpheum circuit, presenting his latest specialty.

Pearl Robinson, the midget, who has been appearing as the "Moon Queen" in A Trip to the Moon, at Luna Park, Coney Island, all season, was married on Sept. 15 to Amy Balaam, an electrician employed at Luna Park. Their courtship was carried on in the "Moon." The bride is two feet ten inches in height, and her husband is five feet ten.

Frey and Fields are with Hyde's Blue Ribbon Girls and are making a hit in their sketch, *The Wrong Man*.

Charles Merritt and May Rajella closed a very pleasant summer on the Boom circuit of parks, and are now resting for a few weeks before they open their regular season in the best vaudeville houses. Their time is rapidly filling for their new act, which promises to be a big success. May Rajella has an imported gown that was made for her in Paris.

On or about Jan. 11, 1904, John and Bertha Gleason will produce what they claim will be the greatest dancing act in America. The turn will be billed John and Bertha Gleason and co., and will include three people.

Hines and Remington scored a big hit at the Co-

BAILEY AND MADISON.



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Success comes to some performers through luck and to others through hard work. To the latter class belong Bailey and Madison, whose pictures appear above. They deserve the great success that has come to them, as they strive constantly to merit the appreciation of the audiences to which they appeal. They have climbed the theatrical ladder of fame round by round, until to-day they stand pre-eminent in their line of business. It may be of interest to note that Mr. Bailey, who is now in his thirtieth year and whose name in private life is Fred Higginson, is a son of the late Polly Higginson, the prima donna, who was well known as a member of the Kralffy Brothers' company. Mr. Bailey's first appearance on any stage was at the London Theatre in this city twenty-two years ago as drum-major with Fred Herbert, of the Herbert Brothers, who worked on stilts. He afterward branched out, playing small parts in *Around the World in Eighty Days*, *The Black Crook*, *Michael Strogoff*, *The Rat Catcher* and other plays, until 1885, when the death of his mother caused his retirement. He reappeared in 1891, when he joined hands with Harry Madison, who is considered by competent critics to be an acrobat in a class by himself. Mr. Madison has been a member of almost every circus of any consequence in the United States and his success has always been pronounced. From the beginning of their partnership Bailey and Madison have found no difficulty in procuring engagements, their services being in constant demand. They were featured with Fred Irwin's company for two seasons; one season with Reddy and Wood's company, and have played every first-class vaudeville theatre in America. They recently completed a tour of the Orpheum circuit, and this week they are among the top liners at Hurtig and Seamon's in New York. They will sail shortly for England, to open at the Alhambra, London, where our British consuls will have an opportunity to laugh at and applaud the efforts of these two really clever Americans.

Lumbia, St. Louis, week before last. Miss Remington has evolved several new slang expressions, which will probably become household words before the new fall season.

Mrs. Emma Martelle, of the Martelle's, the well-known bicyclists, presented her husband with a ten-pound baby boy on Thursday, Sept. 10. The interesting event occurred at noon on the date mentioned, at the home of the Martelles, 572 North Sixth Street, Portland, Ore. At last accounts mother and child were doing nicely.

The Brothers De Van and their acrobatic dog, "Babe," are meeting with big success on the Keith circuit. "Babe" is always a hit with ladies and children.

Howard and Linder produced their new act, *A Stolen Violin*, written for them by Gustave Yorkie, of *Goats and Adama*, at Olympia Park, Chattanooga, Tenn., on Sept. 14. It is said to be an original sketch with a well developed plot, and is filled with funny complications and situations. The Chattanooga papers were unanimous in their praise of the act, as well as of the work of the performers.

Negotiations are pending for the erection of a new theatre by Polk and Holmes, in Des Moines, Ia., to be devoted to vaudeville. Work will be begun next Spring.

VAUDEVILLE PERFORMERS' DATES

Performers are requested to send their dates well in advance. Blankets will be furnished on application. The names of performers with combinations are not published on this list.

Adams, James R., and Co.—Luna Park, Coney Island, May 30—Indefinite.
Adams and Taylor—Shea's, Toronto, Can., 21-26.
Adelaide, La. Petite—Shea's, Buffalo, 21-26.
Adler, Flo—Olympic, Chicago, 21-26.
Adonis Trio—Howard, Boston, 21-26.
Albano Troupe—Keith's, Providence, 21-26.
ALDRICH, CHARLES T.—Proctor's 23d St., N. Y., 21-26.
Allaire and Caville—Howard, Boston, 21-26.
Allen, Seer and Victor—Olympic, Chicago, 21-26, Haymarket, Chicago, 28-Oct. 3, Columbia, St. Louis, 5-10.
Amoroso-Werner Troupe—Keith's, Phila., 21-26.
Arnold, Annie—Nickelodeon, Boston, 21-26.
Ashton, Margaret—Empire, Cardiff, Wales, 21-26, Empire, Swansea, 28-Oct. 3, Empire, Newport, Eng., 5-10.
Aurio, Daisy—Arch Street Museum, Phila., 21-26.
Austin, The Towing—Lafayette, Buffalo, 21-26.
Avalos—Chase's, Washington, D. C., 21-26.
Avon Comedy Four—Keith's, Phila., 21-26, Proctor's 23d St., N. Y., 5-10.
Baly Land—Masonic Temple, Chicago, 21-26.
Bailey and Madison—H. and S., N. Y., 21-26, Alhambra, London, Oct. 12-Nov. 14.
Baker, Edwin—Keith's, Boston, 21-26.
Baker, Harry—Lyceum, San Francisco, 7-28.
Barker and Nicholson—Keith's, Phila., 21-26.
Barlow, Lillian—Electric Park, Newark, N. J., 21-26.
Barrow, Jessie—Haymarket, Chicago, 21-26.
Barnes, Paul—Keith's, Phila., 21-26.
Barnes, Stuart—Poli's, New Haven, 21-26.
Barnes, The—Proctor's 23d St., N. Y., 21-26.
Barr and Evans—Tony Pastor's, N. Y., 21-26, Portland Theatre, Portland, Me., 28-Oct. 3, Keith's, Providence, 5-10.
Barrett and Bell—Arch St. Museum, Phila., 21-26.
Barry and Connors—Arch St. Museum, Phila., 21-26.
Barry and Wolford—Pastor's, N. Y., 21-26.
Bartlett, F. H.—Nickelodeon, Boston, 21-26.
Bayer, Nora—Proctor's 5th Ave., N. Y., 21-26.
Bean and Hamilton—Cook's, Rochester, 21-26.
Beeson, Mabel and Beeson—Castro, Fall River, 21-26.
Beldoux Family—Palace, Boston, 21-26.
Bell, Senator—Park—Main St. Theatre, Peoria, Ill., 20-24.
Bellman and Moore—Columbia, St. Louis, 21-26.
Belmont and O'Brien—Star, Cleveland, 21-26.
Bennett and Rivers—Gayety, Brooklyn, 21-26.
Bennett and Young—Waldmann's, Newark, N. J., 21-26.
Bernard, Elsie—H. and S., N. Y., 21-26.
Bertha—Keith's, Boston, 21-26.
Bibba Circus—Fair, Williamstown, Conn., 21-26, Fair, Richfield Springs, N. Y., 28-Oct. 3, Fair, M. Holly, N. J., 5-10.
BINDLEY, FLORENCE—Empire, Hoboken, N. J., 20-26, H. and S., N. Y., 28-Oct. 3, Exposition Building, Pittsburgh, 5-17.
Bison City Quartette—People's, Cincinnati, 21-26.
Blake, Harry and Flora—Middleboro, Eng., 21-26.
Blockson and Burns—Keith's, Providence, 21-26.
Bloodgood, Katherine—Masonic Temple, Chicago, 21-26.
Bloom and Cooper—Orph., Los Angeles, 13-26, Denver, Oct. 5-10.
Boone, Leona—Olympic, Chicago, 21-26.
Boyd, Archie—Colonial, Cleveland, 21-26.
Boyle, Edwin L.—Keith's, N. Y., 21-26.
Breen, Mr. and Mrs.—Keith's, N. Y., 21-26.
Brittons, The Black—Haymarket, Chicago, 21-26.

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J. K. Hutchinson, whose portrait appears above, is back in his old line of work in melodrama for a few weeks, and is now playing the lead in *The Game of Life*. This is not permanent, however, as very soon Mr. Hutchinson will reappear in vaudeville with the Hutchinson-Bainbridge company in *Raising the Wind*, an act that is productive of mirth.

Adams Brothers—Howard, Boston, 21-26.
 Brothers Martine-Palace, Boston, 21-26.
 Brown, Harry—Olympic, Chicago, 21-26.
BROWNE, WHISTLING TOM—Orph., Omaha,
 25-26, Orph., Kansas City, 27-Oct. 3, Orph., New
 Orleans, 27-Oct. 3.
 Bruno and Russell—Shea's, Buffalo, 21-26.
 Burns and Nina—Coastport, O., 21-26, Wellsburg, W.
 Va., Oct. 4-10.
 Burns and Willie—Lois Palace, N. Y., 21-26.
 Buck, Billy—Haymarket, Chicago, 21-26.
 Burch, Mr. and Mrs. Jack—Delmar Garden, Oklahoma
 City, Oct. 7, 21-26.
BURDET, LILLIAN, Lillian—Masonic Temple, Chi-
 cago, 21-26.
 Burns, Harry—Garden, Lima, O., 21-26, Moore's,
 Lima, 26-Oct. 3, Empire, Lorain, 5-10.
 Burnett and Willie—Lois Palace, N. Y., 21-26.
 But, Nellie—Palace, Boston, 21-26.
 Burton and Brooks—Park, Worcester, 21-26.
 Bush, Frank—Cook's, Rochester, 21-26.
 Calhoun, William—Lois Palace, N. Y., 21-26.
 Caldwell, Annie—Masonic Temple, Chicago, 21-26.
 Capell, Mili., O. H., Chicago, 21-26.
 Carey and Hughes—Gayety, Brooklyn, 21-26.
 Carlton and Terrell—Orph., San Francisco, 27-Oct. 1,
 Los Angeles, 12-24.
 Carr and Burns—Waldmann's, Newark, N. J., 21-26.
 Gayety, Brooklyn, 26-Oct. 3, Grand, Phila., 5-10.
 Carroll and Edlin—Lois Palace, N. Y., 21-26.
 Carroll and Helen—Ocean City, Milwaukee, 21-26.
 Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl—Jacobs', Peoria, Ill., 21-26.
 Carter, Robert and Co.—Keith's, N. Y., 21-26.
 Carus, Emma—Shea's, Toronto, 21-26.
 Caswell and Carver—Orph., N. Y., 21-26.
 Cherry and Bates—Keith's, Providence, 21-26, Port-
 land Theatre, Portland, Me., 28-Oct. 3, Mechanic
 Hall, Salem, Mass., 5-10.
 Chase, Fessy—Bathurst, Kansas City, 21-26.
 Chase, Helen—Ocean, Baltimore, 21-Indennite.
 Clark and Florette—Howard, Boston, 21-26.
 Clarke, Wilfred, and Co.—Shea's, Buffalo, 21-26.
 Clark, Jenkins and Jasper—Queen's, Glasgow, Scot-
 land, 21-26, Oxford, London, Nov. 25-Dec. 12.
 Cliff, Genevieve—Columbia, Cincinnati, 21-26.
 Clifford, Edith—Hill, Lancaster, 21-26.
 Cline, O. H., Indianapolis, 28-Oct. 3, Columbia,
 Cincinnati, 5-10.
 Conkley and McBride—Mechanic Hall, Salem, Mass.,
 21-26.
 Cohen—A. and S., Boston, 21-26.
 Cole and Clemens—Howard, Boston, 21-26.
COLE AND JOHNSON—Shea's, Buffalo, 21-26.
 Cole, Ferrar, and Co.—Regina, Watertory, 21-26.
 Colby, Hartford, 28-Oct. 3.
 Colby and Way—Circle, N. Y., 21-26.
 Colby Family—Empire, Cleveland, 21-26.
 Coleman, Al., Biloxi, N. Y., 21-26.
 Columbus Theatre, Utica, 21-26.
 Conroy and McDonald—Shea's, Buffalo, 21-26.
 Cooper and Bailey—Keith's, Phila., 21-26.
 Cooper and Schall—Academy, Pittsburgh, 21-26.
 Corbin, William—Museum, Phila., 21-26.
 Corrigan, Emmett, and Co.—Columbia, St. Louis, 21-26.
 Cosmopolitan Trio—Dewey, N. Y., 21-26, Bon Ton,
 Jersey City, N. J., 28-Oct. 3.
 Couthon, Joseph, O. H., N. Y., 21-26.
 Cature and Gillette—Mechanic Hall, Salem, Mass.,
 21-26, Keith's, Phila., 28-Oct. 3, Keith's, Provi-
 dence, 5-10.
 Coyne and Ardell—Gayety, Brooklyn, 21-26.
 Cramer, J. N., Nickelodeon, Boston, 21-26.
 Crane, Mr. and Mrs. Gardner—Portland Theatre, Port-
 land, Me., 21-26, Salem, Mass., 28-Oct. 3, Detroit,
 5-10.
 Crawford and Manning—Hopkins', Louisville, 21-26.
KRESSY, WILLIE M. AND DAYNE, BLANCHE
 —Keith's, N. Y., 21-Oct. 3, Keith's, Phila., 5-17.
 Crolius and Co., Keith's, Portland, N. Y., 14-19.
 Cronin, Tim—Keith's, Portland, N. Y., 21-26.
 CroTTY, Tri—Keith's, N. Y., 21-26.
 Curtis, May—Lyceum, Boston, 21-26.
 Dahl, Katherine—Lafayette, New Bedford, 21-26.
 Daly and Decker—Orph., Phila., 21-26.
 Damann Trompe, Carl—Portland Theatre, Portland,
 Me., 21-26.
 Daughds—A. and S., Boston, 21-26.
DAVIS AND MACAULEY—Temple, Louisville,
 21-26, Hopkins', Memphis, 28-Oct. 3.
 Davis and Walker—Keith's, N. Y., 21-26.
 Davis, George C.—Shea's, Toronto, 21-26.
 Dawson and Booth—Electric Park, Newark, N. J., 21-
 26.
 Day, George W.—Louisville, 27-Oct. 3, Memphis, Tenn.,
 5-10.
 De Luca, The—Arch St. Museum, Phila., 21-26.
 De Barr and Russell—Nickelodeon, Boston, 21-26.
 De Barry, Mattie—Orph., Kansas City, 21-26.
 De Kelta—Orph., New Orleans, 21-26.
 De Lee and De Lee—Orph., Tri-O-H. H., Chicago, 21-26.
 Delmore and Lee—Chase's, Washington, D. C., 21-26.
 Delmore and Wilson—Empire, Johannesburg, S. A.,
 21-26, Oct. 10.
 Delmore Sisters—O. H., Chicago, 21-26.
 De Muths, The—Mechanic Hall, Salem, Mass., 28-
 Oct. 3, Keith's, Providence, 5-10.
 Bennett Sisters—Keith's, Phila., 21-26.
 De Muths, The—Keith's, Phila., 21-26, Atlantic Gar-
 dens, N. Y., 28-Oct. 3.
 Devereux Brothers—Keith's, Phila., 21-26.
 Devine and Williams—Lafayette, N. Y., 21-26.
 De Vor, Emma and Co.—Poll's, Hartford, 21-26.
 De Wit, Shorty—Poll's, Bridgeport, 21-26.
 Dexters, The—Nickelodeon, Boston, 21-26.
 Dickson, Charles, and Co.—Jeffers, Sarisaw, 21-26.
 North, Orph., Oct. 5-10.
 Doherty's Poodles—Keith's, Phila., 21-26.
DOLAN AND LENHARR—Proctor's 23d St., N.
 Y., 21-26.
 Donahue and Nichols—H. and B., Brooklyn, 21-26.
 Donaldson, George—Howard, Boston, 21-26.
 Downs, T. Nelson—Orph., Los Angeles, 21-26.
 Doyle, Dancing—Temple, Detroit, 21-26.
 Doyle, Edward—Orph., New York, 21-26.
 Drane, Sam—Proctor's 5th Ave., N. Y., 21-26.
 Druwe—Hopkins', Louisville, 27-Oct. 3, Pastor's, N.
 Y., 5-10.
 Dresser, Louise—Avenue, Detroit, 21-26.
 Drummer Quartette—Temple, Detroit, 21-26.
 Duchas Hortense—A. and S., Boston, 21-26.
 Duffy, Sawtelle, and Puffy—Grand, Indianapolis, 21-
 26.
 Dumitrescu and Vannerson—G. O. H., Indianapolis,
 21-26.
 Diamonds Three—Avenue, Pittsburgh, 21-26.
 Dineen, A. O.—Base's, Washington, D. C., 21-26.
 Disput, Mary, and Co.—Poll's, New Haven, 21-26.
 Dyer, Billy—Moriham's, Rochester, 14-Oct. 3.
 Earl and Wilson—Mechanic Hall, Salem, Mass., 21-
 26.
 Eight Champions—Gayety, Brooklyn, 21-26.
 Eldora and Norine—Howard, Boston, 21-26.
 Eldrid, Gordon—O. H., Chicago, 21-26.
 Eldridge, Frank—Orph., Brooklyn, 21-26, Bon Ton,
 Jersey City, 28-Oct. 3, Keith's, Boston, 5-10.
 Elsworth and Rial—Colonial, Cleveland, 21-26.
 Fly and Harvey—Haymarket, Chicago, 21-26.
 Farnett and Kane—Pueblo, Colo., 21-26.
 Faus, Mrs. Anne—Orph., N. Y., 21-26.
 Empire Comedy Troupe—Century, Kansas City, 21-26.
 Empire City Quartette—Star, Toronto, Can., 21-26.

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It is not uncommon for an American actor to go to England to make a reputation, returning as a star to his own country. Sidney Carlyle, a bright American boy, who is to star in *A Boy of the Streets*, has just returned from London, and his success and early evidence of high dramatic talent, in 1902, when Frank Curson, the well-known British manager, offered him a London engagement in the Iron Duke at the Theatre Haymarket. Here, the ambition of all American boys Sidney Carlyle and his partner, who sailed to Great Britain. His success was phenomenal, and soon he was besieged with proposals from other London managers. He fulfilled his contract with the Iron Duke, and then, when the "Theatre Haymarket" was in a sketch called *Rags and Tags*. His character in this sketch was very different from that in the Iron Duke, proving his versatility. After he had finished his tour of the Iron Duke, he was induced to sign to play the leading part in the American tour of *A Boy of the Streets*. The cancellation of his vaudeville dates in London and the Provinces of England, and young Carlyle is again in the land of his birth.

Jay Hunt's new and original melodrama "A Scarlet Sin," will be first produced week of Oct. 5 at the Bowdoin Square Theatre, Boston, and is now booking in the popular picture theatres. It will be sent on tour with a company of experienced players, a carload of scenery, and a large variety of costumes, unusually lavish presentation. A large variety of the best pictorial printing will form a portion of the outfit. The J. Ottmann Lithographing Company have secured the contract to furnish all the printing required. The theatre is located on Bowdoin Square, and is equipped with the latest improvements. The scenery is by E. A. Sargent and Harry Walker, and painted by E. A. Hammond and George Cole. of the Bowdoin Square Theatre.

Agnes Herndon has resigned from A Life's Mistake as an actor, but the part in which she was to be featured was not sufficiently strong for her. Albert Andross has also left the company.

Following is a correct roster of the Harry Herford company in The Professor's Love Story: Harry Herford, John R. Clumpton, J. W. Hartman, Frank C. Clumpton, George C. Clumpton, George C. Clumpton, Julia Batchelder, Nellie Lindroth, Mollie Reed, Edith Ward, Kate Bruce, Edward Reynolds, carpenter; Harry Frank, property man; Philip Robinson, business manager; J. C. Grogg, advance agent; J. J. Clumpton, manager. The tour will begin Sept. 20 at Elizabeth, N. J.

Desirable open time is still to be had at the Calver (Ill.) Opera House, where D. L. Williamson is the

John Landers Stevens filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States District Court at San Francisco on Sept. 8. His liabilities are said to amount to \$2,211.85 and his assets are said to be about \$150.

The Roma Dramatic company, management of Bert M. Jerking, will produce this season on the road the new play, entitled "A Widow's Wish."

Joseph H. Brown and Carrie DeWitt, in Fox's Grandest last week at the Princess Theatre, Toronto, played to \$4,000.

She Hassan Ben Ali's five Whiteheads of the Desert close their engagement at Luna Park, Coney Island Sept. 27, and can be addressed as announced in their advertisement.

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Raymond Finlay and Lottie Burke, in Stage Land Satire, scored a success at Rochester, and also at Pittsburgh. Owing to the cancellation of the Empire States, these clever vaudeville artists have some desirable offers.

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SENIOR—CHESTNUT STREET OPERA HOUSE (James C. Taylor, mgr.): A Desperate Chance 18; fine performance, good co. Fully Princess 18. A Parish Priest 28.

BROWNVILLE—THREE TOWNS THEATRE (Robert Graham, mgr.): Down by the Sea 10; fair business, excellent co. The Convict's Daughter 14 to fair business. Over Niagara Falls 21.

CARDONDALE—GRAND OPERA HOUSE (George W. Lowder, mgr.): Our New Minister 10; very clever co.; good business. The Convict's Daughter 17. Levers 28.

SENECA—GRAND OPERA HOUSE (Charles T. Myers, mgr.): A Bunch of Keys 15; fairly played to good house. Over Niagara Falls 16; good co. to overhauling house.

FOREST CITY—MANZER OPERA HOUSE (C. C. Manzer, mgr.): Black Patti Troubadours Oct. 16. The Village Grover 19.

WELLSBORO—BATHY AUDITORIUM (Dart and Derrit, mgrs.): Opened for season 15 with show. Acers, fine performance, packed house. Two of the Dillithers 23. The Minister's Daughters Oct. 2.

MAINT CHURCH—OPERA HOUSE (Robert Wehring, mgr.): Watson's Oriental Burlesques 10; very good house; performance good. Red River 10. Miss Bob White 24. The Convict's Daughter 26.

WEST CHESTER—ASSEMBLY BUILDING (David Beaumont, mgr.): U. S. C. 11; large business. Miss Bob White 12; S. R. O. Frank Adams Minstrel Phantasma 18. The Great Lafayette 28.

FRANKLIN—OPERA HOUSE (M. B. B. mgr.): Over Niagara Falls 15 opened house to small but appreciative audience. Shooting the Chutes 18. Our New Minister 23.

BELLEFOURTE—GARMAN'S OPERA HOUSE (William Garman, mgr.): Trifle Mouse in Him and Me 16; fair performance, packed house. International Burlesque Oct. 16; 17 delighted fair house.

WAYNESBURG—OPERA HOUSE (J. W. Munnell, mgr.): Edward Waldmann in Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde opened the local season to a good house.

WARREN—LIBRARY THEATRE (F. R. Scott, mgr.): Merchant of Venice 11; fair business. The Power of the Tenth 17. Our New Minister 23.

MANFIELD—OPERA HOUSE (W. D. Husted, mgr.): The Merchant of Venice 7; fair house; good satisfaction.

MCKEESPORT—WHITES OPERA HOUSE (F. D. Hunter, mgr.): Carline Robt in Toss of the D-U-Cervilles 15 pleased large audience.

RHODE ISLAND.

WESTERLY—OPERA HOUSE (C. B. Bliven, mgr.): Jere McAllister Stock co. 7-12; large business. Plays: The Power of the Tenth, Between Love and Duty, A Humorous Match, The Firm of Gibbons, The Fruitful, Pitfalls of New York, A Wife's Honor, Mystery and Love, and Outcasts of a Great City. Phelan Stock co. 28-Oct. 3.

NEWPORT—OPERA HOUSE (Cahn and Cross, mgrs.): Old Jed Frosty 15; good performance to fair house. Cahn in Nancy Brown 12; big hit; large house. Beyond Pardon 16; fair attraction and business. Hearts of Oak 18. The Sign of the Cross 21. Quincy Adams Sawyer 22. The Rustians in the Desert 24.

WOONSOCKET—OPERA HOUSE (Josh E. Oden, mgr.): New York Day by Day 12; fair business. Dot Karroll co. 14-19 opened to good house. A Night in Chinatown, The Kidnapper, The Lion and the Mouse, My Lady Nell, Resurrection, Nevada, Cinderella, The Real Lord Lennox, Ford Comedy co. 21-26. Beyond Pardon 28.

RIVERPORT—THORNTON'S OPERA HOUSE (J. H. Thornton, mgr.): Old Jed Frosty 12; good performance to crowded house. Thelma 19. Phelan's Stock co. 21-26.

PAWTUCKET—MUSIC HALL (D. B. Buffington, mgr.): Buffington Stock co. 14-19. The Judge to large audiences. Kathleen Mavourneen 21-26.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

SPARTANBURG—GREENEVALD'S THEATRE (Max Greenevald, mgr.): Reaping the Harvest opened the season 14 to large house. Reaping the Harvest 14; large business. Happy Hooligan 22. The Convict's Daughter 23. Thelma 25. When Reuben Comes to Town 26. Boston Ideal Opera co. 28. Black Patti Troubadours 30.

GREENVILLE—GRAND OPERA HOUSE (B. T. Whitmore, mgr.): House opened 10 with Al. G. Field's Minstrels to S. R. O.; excellent performance. Picking from Puck 12; fair house and good business. Reaping the Harvest 15. Murray and Mack 19.

CHARLESTON—ACADEMY OF MUSIC (Charles Matthews, act. mgr.): Devil's Auction 10; large audience. Picking from Puck 16. Rudolph and Adolph 18. The Telephone Girl 21.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

HURON—DAUM'S GRAND OPERA HOUSE (J. Daum, mgr.): Formally opened 8-13 with the King of the Ring Opera co. giving two performances of King Pong to pleased full houses. Fra Diavola and The Bohemian Girl to fair houses; poor performances. Mahara's Minstrels 14. Confronted TIT 21. Hans Hanson Oct. 1. Two Married Men 7. Sanford Dodge 16. 17.—ITEM: The new theatre is modern throughout.

WATERTOWN—NEW GRAND OPERA HOUSE (R. A. Briggs, mgr.): Troubadours Minstrels 9; good performance to light business. The Messenger Boy 15; full house; excellent performance. J. King Pong Opera co. 14. Jersey Folks 17. Confronted TIT 22. Ole Olson Oct. 1.

YANKTON—NEW YANKTON THEATRE (D. W. Ruders, mgr.): Francis Greene co. 14-19 opened in The Brand of Cain to crowded house; fair co. You Yonson 22. Human Hearts 25. A Fox Tramp 30.

TENNESSEE.

CHATTANOOGA—NEW OPERA HOUSE (Paul R. Albert, mgr.): Middlehead Stock co. 7-12; good business; fair performance. Plays: A Dead Game Sport, The Two Orphans, The Serpent and the Dog, A Woman of the World, The Other Man's Wife, and Monte Cristo. Al. G. Field's Minstrels 12. Hans Hanson Oct. 1. Two Married Men 7. Sanford Dodge 16. 17.—ITEM: The new theatre is modern throughout.

KNOXVILLE—STAUD'S THEATRE (Frits Staud, mgr.): Season opened 2 with Devil's Auction to large and pleased audience. The Telephone Girl 5 gave satisfaction; excellent business. Reaping the Harvest 11. Al. G. Field's Minstrels 12; two large houses; usual hit. Black Patti Troubadours 15. A Trip to Chinatown 16. A Stranger in New York 18. A Trip to Chinatown 19. Happy Hooligan 25.

BRISTOL—HARMING OPERA HOUSE (Taylor and Fow, mgrs.): Black Patti Troubadours 14; good house; creditable performance. Middleton Stock co. 15-19.

COLUMBIA—GRAND OPERA HOUSE (Ashby Wilkins, mgr.): Al. G. Field's Minstrels will open 22.

TEXAS.

SAN ANTONIO—GRAND OPERA HOUSE (Sidney H. Weis, mgr.): Hort Connel co. 9-9, 12, presenting The Power of Money, Side by Side, James Boy, A Legal Wrong, Two Married Women, and The Moonshiner's Daughter, to fair attendance; fair co. Leon Herrmann 10; good attendance, performance fair. Holden Stock co. 14-19. Mr. Jolly of Joliet 20.

EMPIRE OPERA HOUSE (M. E. Brady, mgr.): Jack C. Taylor co. 7-13, presenting Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Monte Cristo, The Old Homestead, and The Westerner, to good attendance; fair co. White Dramatic co. 20-26.

AUSTIN—HAWCOCK OPERA HOUSE (George H. Walker, mgr.): Gagon-Pollak Stock co. 7-12, except 11, presenting Sheridan Keene, Detective, The Countess, Dice of Death, The Moonshiner, Tracy the Outlaw, and Six Little Tailors; business good. Leon Herrmann 11; very good business. McFadden's Row of Flats 28. Harry Carson Clarke 27. Tim Murphy Oct. 2.

HOUSTON—SWEENEY AND COOMBS OPERA HOUSE (Frank Michael, mgr.): Ewing-Taylor Stock co. 8 in Because She Loved Him So; fair house. Herrmann 9; satisfactory business. Olympia Opera co. 12 gave The Girl from Paris to large house. The Grand (Harry Kuber, mgr.): Arzen Stock co. 7-12, presenting All the Comforts of Home and Corsican Brothers; business fair.

DALLAS—THEATRE (George Amy, mgr.): Olympia Opera co. 8-12, presenting The Girl from Paris, Ship Aboard, Pearl of Pekin, and The Girl from Paris. Leon Herrmann 12 pleased good audience. Ewing-Taylor co. 14, 15, 16, and 18. Mr. Jolly of Joliet 17.

FORT WORTH—GREENWALL OPERA HOUSE (Phil Greenwall, mgr.): Holden Comedy co. 7-12; S. R. O. Plays: Pardon, Reuben's Chain, Under Two Flags, A Bunch of Money, Kathleen Mavourneen, and The Blackback's Love.

SHERMAN—OPERA HOUSE (M. Sarason, mgr.): Arnold Stock co. 7-12 in A Daughter of Nature, in the Hands of the Enemy, New East Lovers, in the Hands of the Enemy, Buffalo Bill in the Far West, Peck's Bad Boy and His Chum, and Midnight in Chinatown; S. R. O.; co. good.

TEXARKANA—HARDIN OPERA HOUSE (James H. Drake, mgr.): Georgia Minstrels 7 pleased good business. Looking for a Wife 12; good house; two performances. Darkness and Daylight 15. Leon Herrmann 16. Peyton Sisters 17-19.

BEAUMONT—KYLE THEATRE (K. N. Welm, mgr.): Holden and Prince's Minstrels 12; packed house; 1 to largest attendance, over at Kyle Theatre. Olympia Opera co. 2; fair house. Leon Herrmann 7; crowded house. Mr. Jolly of Joliet 14.

GALVESTON—GRAND OPERA HOUSE (Fred G. Wile, mgr.): Hermann 9, fair business. Berlin Taylor co. 9-12; attendance fair. Mr. Jolly of Joliet 13. Olympia Opera co. 18-19.

EL PASO—MYERS OPERA HOUSE (W. L. Myers, mgr.): Harry Carson Clarke 12 in His Absent Boy; packed house; good performance.

SHERMAN—GRAND OPERA HOUSE (Alvin Simon, mgr.): Season will open with Looking for a Wife Oct. 7. East Gardner 17.

TYLER—GRAND OPERA HOUSE (A. Mohn, mgr.): Local Minstrels 12; packed house. Looking for a Wife 13.

PARIS—PETERSON THEATRE (W. E. Kuehl, mgr.): Looking for a Wife 17. Harry Carson Clarke 19.

GREENVILLE—KING OPERA HOUSE (Walter Beck, mgr.): Dark.

CLARKSVILLE—THRILLING OPERA HOUSE (C. G. Gaines, mgr.): Dark.

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PARK CITY—DEWEY THEATRE (F. J. McLaughlin, mgr.): A Millionaire Tramp Oct. 1. Frank W. Hayes 25. Ward Dramatic co. Oct. 3. S. Miller Kent 7.

VERMONT.

BURLINGTON—HOWARD OPERA HOUSE (Mrs. W. A. Walker, mgr.): Mildred Holland in The Lily and the Lamb 11; fair business. Co. strong. Way Down East 12; large business. As You Like It 18. David Harum Oct. 2. Kathryn Kidder 3. Newell, magician, 5. Beyond Pardon 7. Gorton's Minstrels 15. The Fido of Jennie 17. Isabel Irving 20. Sag Harbor 22. Anna Fay 24-25.

MONTPELIER—BLANCHARD OPERA HOUSE (G. L. Blanchard, mgr.): Mildred Holland in The Lily and the Lamb 12; large house; audience very enthusiastic. Way Down East 15; good co. As You Like It 21. Way Down East 23. Then We Were Twenty-one 26. Beyond Pardon Oct. 2.

BARRIE—OPERA HOUSE (W. W. Lapoint, mgr.): The Heart of Chicago 10; satisfaction to fair house. Way Down East 14; excellent co.; well received. As You Like It 19.

WOODSTOCK—MUSIC HALL (The Heart of Chicago 12; good business; pleased. Howe's Moving Pictures 18. Brizers and Mills 23. When We Were Twenty-one Oct. 2. A Hoolier Daisy 7.

WITLAND—OPERA HOUSE (A. W. Higgins, mgr.): The Parish Priest 11; small business. Mildred Holland in The Lily and the Lamb 17; S. R. O. (receipts \$685). As You Like It 23.

BELLOWS FALLS—OPERA HOUSE (J. E. Brownham, mgr.): Mildred Holland 16 in The Prince and the Lady to fair business. Leon H. Howe's Moving Pictures 19. Way Down East 23.

BRATTLEBORO—AUDITORIUM (George E. Fox, mgr.): The Heart of Chicago 15; fair business.

VIRGINIA.

RICHMOND—ACADEMY OF MUSIC (Charles W. Rex, mgr.): Murray and Mack in A Night on Broadway 9; good performance to fair business. Happy Hooligan 10, 11 failed to please small houses. The Convict's Daughter 12 to fair business. Human Hearts 14; business and performance very good. Mason and Mason 15 pleased good house. Eva Montford 22. Flo Irwin 23, 24.—BJOU THEATRE (Jake Wells, mgr.): The Girl and the Judge 14-19; good houses; performances very creditable. The Game of Life 21-26.

CHARLOTTESVILLE—AUDITORIUM (J. J. Leterman, mgr.): Picking from Puck opened the season Aug. 31 to fair business. Black Patti Troubadours 1; excellent business; co. poor. Tim Murphy in A Man from Missouri 4 pleased small audience. A Convict's Daughter 5; fair house. Murray and Mack in A Night on Broadway delighted a large audience. Happy Hooligan 12 to fair business. Human Hearts 14. When Reuben Comes to Town 21. Flo Irwin 24. George Ober in The Wrong Mr. Wright 25, 26. Georgia Minstrels 30.

NORFOLK—ACADEMY OF MUSIC (Corbin Sheld, mgr.): The Convict's Daughter 11; business and performance fair. Mason and Mason in Rudolph and Adolph; business excellent; performance fair. Human Hearts 15; performances very good; to capacity. When Reuben Comes to Town 16; very good performance to S. R. O. Sweet Jasmine 16. Flo Irwin 21 canceled.—THE GRANBY (Otto Wells, mgr.): The Men of Jintown 14-19 to capacity; very good performances. The Governor's Son 21-26.

STANTON—OPERA HOUSE (Barkman and Shultz, mgrs.): Human Hearts 10 to large audience; co. not up to standard. Murray and Mack in A Night on Broadway 12 to large and enthusiastic audience. Sweet Jasmine 16. When Reuben Comes to Town 22. George Ober 23, 24. Reuben Comes to Town 25. Paige Comedy co. Oct. 5-10.

DANVILLE—ACADEMY OF MUSIC (J. B. Wood, mgr.): Tim Murphy 10 to good house; fine performance. Thelma 11 to fair business. A Trip to Chinatown 14; performance excellent; business good. Murray and Mack 15 pleased fair house. Happy Hooligan 16. A Convict's Daughter 17.

WINCHESTER—THE AUDITORIUM (H. L. Wood, mgr.): May Sargent in That Impudent Young Couple 11; fair business; enthusiastic audience. Noter Couple 12; fair business. North 22. A Trip to Chinatown 23. A Trip to Chinatown 24. A Trip to Chinatown 25. A Trip to Chinatown 26. A Trip to Chinatown 27. A Trip to Chinatown 28. A Trip to Chinatown 29. A Trip to Chinatown 30.

HOANOKE—ACADEMY OF MUSIC (Thomas G. Leath, mgr.): Human Hearts 11; good co.; fair business. Black Patti Troubadours 12; good business; pleased. Murray and Mack 14; good business; fine performance. Happy Hooligan 15; fair business; poor co.

PETERSBURG—ACADEMY OF MUSIC (William E. French, mgr.): Happy Hooligan 9; fair house pleased. The Convict's Daughter 10; small business. Rudolph and Adolph 12; small house delighted. Eva Montford 24. Two Old Cronies Oct. 1.

SUFFOLK—CITY HALL THEATRE (Jones and Lloyd, mgrs.): Murray and Mack opened house 10 to large and well pleased audience. Reaping the Harvest 28. That Impudent Young Couple 23. Reaping the Harvest 28.

FREDERICKSBURG—OPERA HOUSE (Goldsmith and Hirsch, mgrs.): Thelma 9 opened local season to S. R. O. fine performance. When Her Soul Speaks 22. Willis Comedy co. 24-29.

SOUTH BOSTON—HILL'S OPERA HOUSE (Hill and Tredway, mgrs.): Thelma 10 pleased good audience. Reaping the Harvest 23. Richards and Pringle's Minstrels Oct. 9. Hotter Coon in Dixie 9.

HARRISONBURG—ASSEMBLY HALL (W. A. Balthwalte and Co., mgrs.): Robert Downing 21 in Hon. Mr. North.

WASHINGTON.

SPOKANE—THEATRE (Dan L. Weaver, mgr.): Other Kendall string 9 in The Vinegar Buyer; crowded houses. S. Miller Kent in Fighting Bob 11; small business; well presented; fair attendance.—AUDITORIUM (Harry C. Hayward, mgr.): East Lynne 7-9; good co.; well fair business.

COLFAX—HIDWAY THEATRE (Lennox and Larkin, mgrs.): Season opened 11 with Down Mob to good business; performance very satisfactory. A Friend of the Family Oct. 13. Jessie Shirley co. 14-17. Dairy Farm 22. A Millionaire Tramp 27.

WALLA WALLA—NEW WALLA WALLA THEATRE (C. P. Van De Water, mgr.): Ezra Kendall in The Vinegar Buyer 7; performance excellent; very poor house. Fighting Bob 14. East Lynne 16.

TACOMA—EDISON THEATRE (L. J. Everett, mgr.): Good business.—TACOMA (Calvin Heilig, mgr.): The Texas Stock co. to an overhauling house.—LYCEUM (Dean B. Worley, mgr.): Dark 6-12.

WEST VIRGINIA.

HUNTINGTON—THEATRE (M. E. Rice, mgr.): Season opened 10 by Robert Mantell in The Light of Other Days; excellent business. Mabel Paige co. 14 in Fight for a Fortune; crowded house; pleased. Reap 16 to complete week's engagement. Way Down East 15; satisfactory performance to good business. Faust's Minstrels 24.

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BELOIT—WILSON'S OPERA HOUSE (R. H. Wilson, mgr.): Caught in the Web 11 pleased fair house. Sky Farm 15 delighted large house. At Cripple Creek 17.

WAUPACA—CITY OPERA HOUSE (R. J. Haverorn, mgr.): Old Arkansas 15 pleased fair house. What Happened to Jones 22. Peck's Bad Boy 23. A Royal Slave Oct. 6.

RHINELANDER—GRAND OPERA HOUSE (John Link, mgr.): East Lynne 25. The Girl from Chilly 29.

SHEBOYGAN—CONCORDIA THEATRE (E. J. Kempf, mgr.): Martin's U. T. C. 13; crowded house pleased.

PORTAGE—OPERA HOUSE (A. H. Carnegie, mgr.): The Missouri Girl 10. Old Arkansas 17. The Hoolier Daisy 25. Quincy Adams Sawyer 30.

MADISON—FULLER OPERA HOUSE (Edward M. Fuller, mgr.): In Old Kentucky 14 drew fairly well. Sky Farm 18. Walker Whitehead 19. Noble Stock co. 21-5 in Monte Cristo, Miss Hursey from Jersey, Reuben Glue, and Our Strategists. Glen Montgomery co. in Little Duchess 7-12.

DENISON—OPERA HOUSE (M. L. Eppertin, mgr.): Season will open 15 with Harry Carson Clarke in His Absent Boy. The Christian 19.

CANADA.

KINGSTON, ONT.—GRAND OPERA HOUSE (W. C. Martin, mgr.): Marks Brothers 7-12, presenting The Revealed Mystery, An Irish Hero, Harry Brogan's Promotion, His Mother's Vindication, Kathleen Mavourneen, Under Two Flags, and The Pride of the Army; good satisfaction to crowded houses. Quincy Adams Sawyer 14. In Old Kentucky 14 drew fairly well. Sky Farm 18. Walker Whitehead 19. Noble Stock co. 21-5 in Monte Cristo, Miss Hursey from Jersey, Reuben Glue, and Our Strategists. Glen Montgomery co. in Little Duchess 7-12.

WINNIPEG, MAN.—THEATRE (C. P. Walker, mgr.): An American Hobe Ang. 31; fair; good attendance. Over Niagara Falls 1, 2; splendid scenic effects. James Fox co. 4, 5; enjoyed by crowds. Clara Mathes 7-10. Warde and James 1, 12. Living Canada 16-19. In Old Kentucky 21. Ezra Kendall 22, 23. The Dazzler 24. Haverly's Minstrels 25, 26.—RIVER PARK THEATRE (P. Hammond, mgr.): Noble Stock co. 21-5 in Monte Cristo, Miss Hursey from Jersey, Reuben Glue, and Our Strategists. Glen Montgomery co. in Little Duchess 7-12.

WOODSTOCK, ONT.—OPERA HOUSE (Charles A. Pyne, mgr.): Culhane, Chase and Weston's Minstrels 16; fair performance and business. Edith Baker and Donald Robertson in Ghosts 18; light business; excellent performance. Quincy Adams Sawyer 26. The Bonnie Brier Bush Oct. 2. Lulu Glaser 16; packed house; performance very good. Guy Brothers' Minstrels 17-19.

CHATHAM, ONT.—GRAND OPERA HOUSE (F. H. Brisco, mgr.): The Buffalo Mystery opened the season 8; pleased good house. British Coldstream Band 14, matinee delighted a crowded house. Godding Comedy co. 14-19 opened to crowded house with A Nutmeg Match; pleased. Perry, O'Dell and Dea 22-24. Quincy Adams Sawyer 29. Slide Tracked Oct. 6.

ST. JOHN, N. B.—OPERA HOUSE (A. O. Skinner, mgr.): Simville's Romeo and Juliet 11, 12; fair business and performances. Other People's Money 17. Daniel R. Ryan 21-26. Lewis Morrison 28, 29. McCluskey Concert co. 30. Oct. 1. A Life's Mistake 2, 3. W. W. Randall Dramatic co. 8-10. When We Were Twenty-one 12-14.

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